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BOSTON FARMERS.

Attempt to Organize a Grange—Speech by Deputy-General Abbott.

BOSTON, August 19.—A meeting was held this forenoon at the Commercial Exchange to listen to explanations of the principles and purposes of the Farmers' Granges. There was a small attendance of business men and others interested in this movement or desiring to learn its objects. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Exchange, Edw. Kemble, who introduced J. C. Abbott, General Deputy of the Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. Abbott stated that he appeared in the capacity of a farmer and to represent the order under which this class had long suffered, and which it was the purpose of the organization he represented to remove. He had established three subordinate granges in Western Massachusetts, and hoped to organize a grange in Boston. He would welcome to the order not only farmers, but those in sympathy with the effort to properly regulate the great transportation question now agitating the public mind. At the conclusion of these remarks the meeting was closed, the speaker inviting those interested in farming granges to retire into the ante-room to consult with him.

XENIA, OHIO.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home—The Murderer Richison.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

XENIA, OHIO, August 19, 1873.

The Board of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home meet here to-morrow.

Richison, the murderer, has not taken any food since Friday noon. As he failed to kill the Deputy Sheriff and make his escape, he is determined on his own destruction.

ZANESVILLE, O.

The Lost Found—Paid Fire Department.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

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The man Findlay, whose disappearance caused so much excitement in Morgan county, and all kinds of rumors of foul play, has turned up in Missouri.

The City Council are discussing the paid fire department question.

CRIMES.

Assault and Battery with Intent to Commit Rape—A Heavy Verdict.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

MANSFIELD, O., August 19, 1873.

After a five days' trial a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for six thousand dollars was to-day rendered by the jury in the suit of Miss Mary Marshey against John Morgan for assault and battery with intent to commit rape. B. Burns and John A. Bope, of Wooster, for plaintiff, and Watson, Dickey and Jenner for defendant. The case will be appealed.

Disgraceful Conduct of the Warden of an Iowa Insane Asylum.

DUBUQUE, August 19.—The *Herald* this morning publishes an expose of the conduct of Rev. J. M. Schneller, a German, for several years the warden of a private orphan asylum, under the charge of the Lutherans, at Andrew Jackson county. He has been engaged for nearly five years in a systematic and diabolical scheme for seducing the little girls under his charge. So far as at present ascertained, he has succeeded in his designs upon six girls, ranging from eight to fourteen years of age. The revolting crime came to the knowledge of the matron of the institution through the complaint of one of Schneller's victims. The matron confronted the seducer with the charge, and he confessed it fully. He also acquainted the President of the asylum directory with his sinful practices, but, strange to say, he was allowed to leave Andrew on Monday morning, and has since sailed from New York for Europe.

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CASUALTIES.

Killed by an Ox.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

SPENCER, IND., August 19, 1873.

An old citizen of this place, named Moses Taylor, was killed by an ox a few miles from here last evening. While leading the animal from a lot into the road, it rushed upon him, goring and trampling him so that he died in about twenty minutes.

A Physician Thrown From His Buggy.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, PA., August 19, 1873.

Dr. Thomas McKennan, one of our most eminent physicians, was badly hurt to-day. He had been visiting some patient in the country and when returning, the neck yoke of the buggy broke, causing the horses to run off. The Doctor and two little girls who were with him were thrown out. The Doctor's injuries are reported as very serious but his daughters were less severely hurt.

Struck by a Cow.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

ZANESVILLE, O., August 19, 1873.

James G. Baughman, a well known citizen was badly injured by being hooked by a cow.

Brakeman Killed while Coupling a Train.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19.—Frank King, brakeman on the Bellefontaine Railroad and a resident of this city, was killed yesterday, near Pendleton, while coupling a train.

Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Accident—Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

BALTIMORE, Md., August 19.—The Coroner's jury in the case of George Allen, the fireman killed by the accident on the Baltimore and Potomac Road, near Lafayette Station the 13th inst., rendered a verdict censuring the engineers for non-observance of caution; the conductor of the north bound train for not exercising closer supervision and management of the road, and for failure, in this particular instance, to issue the requisite instructions in reference to the delayed express train.

Collision on the Norwalk—Central Railroad.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., August 19.—The Niagara express train which left here at 3 P. M., going east, and the Elmira mail train which left Harrisburg at 1:30 P. M. going west, collided at Montgomery station, fifteen miles east of here. It is reported that only two passengers were slightly injured.

NEW YORK.

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$68,400,000 IN NEW YORK SUB-TREASURY.

The Sub-Treasury in this city contains something more than thirty millions of dollars in gold coin, besides ten millions in gold bars, four hundred thousand in silver, and twenty-eight millions in currency. Two colts—engaged in the business—examining the gold received from San Francisco yesterday, and will probably be occupied in the work for a week.

NO CHANGES IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

Notwithstanding the alleged irregularities in the Custom House, no official investigations or changes can be discovered. The inspectors say they hope for the thorough ventilation of the Department that the matter will be fully investigated and the changes sustained or dismissed. They deny that a large number of inspectors are implicated.

ANOTHER PARSONS IN TROUBLE.

Vincenzo Matto, of Crosby street, an Italian padrone was brought before Commissioner Osborn to-day, charged with violation of the civil rights laws in holding Italian boys in involuntary servitude and inflicting on them punishment not allowed by the laws of this State. He was committed in default of bail.

Charles Ames and Jane Reed, both colored, are on trial at Paris, Ky., for producing an abortion, resulting in the death of Nora Carlo, another colored woman.

THE TICKET AND PLATFORM.

What the Papers Have to Say About Them.

[From the Reading Times and Dispatch.]

The action of the Republican State Convention, though not altogether what the Republicans of Berks county desired, will upon the whole, be satisfactory to the party generally. For weeks before the Convention met the nomination of R. W. Mackey for State Treasurer, was a foregone conclusion, and when the Republicans of Lancaster county, by a direct vote, instructed their delegates so overwhelmingly in his favor, it was felt, even by those who opposed him, that he had the confidence of the people, as well as the leading Republican politicians of the State. His nomination on the first ballot by so large a majority did not excite surprise — indeed it was predicted in these columns, several days ago that such would be the case. That he will prove a very strong candidate before the people of the whole State is beyond all question. Though he has held the office for four terms,—the maximum objection—it is due to him to say that he has fulfilled its duties honestly and faithfully—according to the last dollar, for the many millions that have passed through his hands. He has always been an earnest advocate of the payment of the State debt in the shortest period of time consistent with low taxation and unoppressive popular burdens. He has a good record, that will bear the closest scrutiny. That he will be elected, no matter who the Democrats nominate against him, is beyond all doubt.

The nomination for Judge of the Supreme Court, on the other hand, is a complete surprise. It was regarded as certain, before the Convention met, that the choice would be between Judge Butler, of Chester county, and Judge Paxson, of Philadelphia. No one east of the Alleghenies dreamed that a western man would carry off the prize. But it has so happened that the bitterness of the contest between the friends of Butler and Paxson has resulted in the defeat of both. Perhaps it is all the better, for the success of the ticket—that is the choice for which it is called. We of Berks, though defeated in our hopes of Butler's nomination, have at least the satisfaction of knowing that, through our delegates, we helped to defeat the Philadelphia "Ring." So far as we have heard, the "bolt" of the Berks county delegates, from Butler to Gordon, on the last ballot, by which the nomination of the latter was secured, is heartily endorsed by their constituents.

The nomination of Judge Gordon, without being especially desired in the Northern section, is hailed with enthusiasm in the western part of the State. The Republicans of the North and West, who pile up the big majorities at every general election, will "do better" this fall in that line for the Republican State ticket than they ever did before. Even if our Philadelphia friends are disposed to be "huffy," we can carry the State without their aid. It is not to be supposed, however, that they will take this suicidal course, because they could not have things their own way. They will roll up the usual heavy majority, and so help to elect the ticke by an overwhelming vote.

[From the Harrisburg Telegraph]

We deem it unnecessary to reiterate to-day what we have so often discussed in these columns, the qualifications of Mr. Mackey for the high position he has so acceptably filled for several years past. The record of his administration is well known to the people. The nine hundred and two millions of dollars annually of the State debt, and the entire repeal of all laws imposing taxes of real estate, cannot be eliminated from the minds of the people by the personal abuse of those who desire to plunder the State Treasury. Mr. Mackey's campaign was fought and won last fall with the election of seventeen out of the people indorsed, as they will assuredly again indorse, on the second Tuesday of October, next, his financial management of the State by the Republican majority in the Legislature.

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SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

JEFF. DAVIS'S LAST SPEECH.

Comment in Official Circles.

McLelland, the Postal Clerk.

Indian Claim Agents.

Suit for Fraudulent Transactions.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, PA., August 19, 1873.

There is considerable commotion in official circles respecting the speech of Jeff Davis to his friends at White Sulphur Springs, Virginia. The question is asked, whether such treasonable sentiments must go unpunished. This was probably considered beforehand. The impression entertained by many, that Jeff is still liable to trial, having been released to answer when called, is unfortunately erroneous. In judicial circles it is stated that a *nolle prosequi* was entered and the prisoner discharged, Jeff and the other women whom he compliments as still unreconstructed, can therefore indulge their hostility, but if, as he says, their sons and daughters will live to grow up to maintain the honor, and perpetuate and finally redeem the principles which aimed at the destruction of the Constitution, there will be more of the same generation and gender to conquer and crush them.

Operations of McLellan.

It is stated that the abstraction of moneys from the mails by McLellan, the railway postal clerk, will reach upwards of thirty thousand dollars. His alleged thefts have covered a period of several years. It is charged that he has chiefly confined his purloining to letters addressed to periodicals and papers, abstracting the remittances of subscribers. McLellan is a son of an ex-Assistant Postmaster General, and by many citizens has been taken to punish the offender, though he has been dismissed.

Indian Claim Agents.

The firm of Douglass H. Cooper & Co., Indian Claim Agents, a short time since debarred from practice in the Indian office, have made application to be restored to their former privileges. The Indian office is not likely to accede to their request, as the Commissioner is about to bring suit against them for the amount of their alleged fraudulent transactions in the Choctaw claims.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 19, 1873.

KU-KLUX RECOMMENDED TO MERCY.

The Attorney General has to-day recommended to the President that pardons be granted to S. Hood, of South Carolina, and Adolphus Dupree and George Holland, of North Carolina, who are now serving terms in the Albany penitentiary for Ku-Klux outrages.

TREATY WITH THE CROW INDIANS.

The following telegram was received today:

"BAZEMAN, MONTANA, August 18.—Hon. C. Delano: The Commissioners have been successful in negotiating a treaty with the Crow Indians, by which they cede all their present reservations, taking as their territory one as large on the Missouri river near Judith Basin. [Signed] FELIX R. BRUNOT, Chairman.

CLAMOR FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE MODOCS.

STRONG PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON THE PRESIDENT BY FRIENDS OF THE PEACE POLICY.

A number of letters have been received here from Quakers and other friends of the Indian peace policy throughout the country, asking Executive clemency in behalf of the Modoc Indians, lately on trial for the murder of Gen. Canby. Each of the letters raise the point that the trial of the offenders was illegal under the decision of the Supreme Court in the Milligan case, done since the hostilities and future happiness of their people. The idea of using the public common for execution purposes, which was proposed in the House of Representatives, the Senate refused to act upon a provision for the establishment of a National University at the seat of government, and was defeated on the ground that, to found such an institution was embraced in the right of exclusive jurisdiction to be exercised by Congress over the Federal districts.

VIEWS OF THE FOUNDERS.

In the first recommendations of Washington as President to Congress he said, "Nor am I less persuaded that you will agree with me in opinion that there is nothing which can better deserve your patronage than the promotion of science and literature. Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness. In one in which the measures of government receive their impressions so immediately from the sense of the community as ours it is proportionably essential."

Whether this desirable object will be best promoted by affording aid to seminaries of learning already established, by the institution of a National University or by any other expedients, will be well worthy of a place in the consideration of the Legislature." During his terms of office as President he repeatedly adverted to this subject, urging it in official communications and in valedictory and private letters to Hamilton and others.

In his last address to the people of the United States he said: "Promote as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened."

He was particularly in favor of the establishment of a National University at the seat of government, and in the laying out of the National Capital, under and in the laying out of the United States, a direction as President of the United States, a special reservation, unalienably chosen on the creek of one of the most prominent eminences in the capital, for a National University, to be called from it by the name of "University square." This square now constitutes the grounds of that world-widely known institution, the Naval Observatory. In his will Washington donates fifty shares of the Potomac Improvement Company stock for the suggested National Observatory.

We also find Jefferson the man of culture and taste in the earlier days of the republic, urging education with equal vigor of sentiment and words. He says if a building erects to the memory of first in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be. In recommending the advantages of town or district schools numerous enough to be within reach of every family, he says: "My partiality for that division is not founded in views of education solely, but infinitely more as the means of a better administration of our governmental and the eternal peace and preservation of its republican privileges. I do most anxiously wish to see the highest degrees of education given to the higher degrees of genius, and to all degrees of it so much as may enable them to read and understand what is going on in the world, and to keep their part of it going on right, for nothing can keep it right but their own vigilant and discriminating superintendence." So we might produce extracts without number to show the interest of the illustrious sage of the republic during her infant days in the promotion of education. That their posterity has heeded the advice to extend, in almost every village and city, township, county and State in this broad land.

INFLUENCE OF SLAVERY.

In the first days of the Republic the Southern States and statesmen led by Washington and Jefferson, were zealous in their endeavors to promote education. A strong influence was brought to bear but no responsive action was taken by the local government, and soon the subject was either forgotten or given up as hopeless. This feeling increased, with the arrogance of the slave influence. The antagonism of education and slavery sealed all prospect of action by Congress. The general welfare of the Republic having fallen subservient to the interests of African slavery it was left to the States or communities in their local capacities to carry out the teachings of the fathers. The free school, supported by a tax levied on the principle that the property of the State should educate the children of the State, from a low in New England and the Middle States gradually extended westward, and in spite of the hostile influence of African slavery, by the voice of popular approbation forced its way in some form or other upon the statute book of every State in the Union from Maine to Texas.

THE FIRST FREE SCHOOLS IN AMERICA.

I may be permitted here to drop a scrap of history, not only of local interest, but of general value as an important fact connected with the progress of education from colonial times down to the present. Under the Dutch, Swedes and English, in their earliest occupation of the western shores of the Delaware, provisions were made for the education of the youth. The illustrious founder of Pennsylvania, in his charter of government under the royal grant, made the education of the young of the province a cardinal feature in the attainment of that high degree of civil and religious liberty which he aimed at for his people. In 1683, within the first year after the establishment of the first Constitution and laws, The Governor and Council of Pennsylvania, considering the necessity of a schoolmaster "for the instruction of youth in the city of Philadelphia," employed Enoch Flower, then a resident of the town and a teacher of twenty years experience in England. The charter of Philadelphia consisted of reading, writing, spelling and "casting up accounts." The charges were moderate, that the benefits afforded were in the reach of the humblest. In 1698 these primitive measures, under the auspices of the proprietary government, were supplemented by more enlarged efforts, under the patronage of the Society of Friends of Philadelphia. In that year "the overseers of the public schools founded in Philadelphia at the request and charges of the people of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, and incorporated by the proprietary government. The incorporators were Samuel Carpenter, Edward Shippen, Anthony Morris, James Fox, David Lloyd, William Southbee and John Jones representing the monthly meeting "at the new meeting house on High street, in Philadelphia," and other citizens. In 1702, two years after the first meeting house on High street, in Philadelphia, the monthly meeting "at the new meeting house on Second street, in Philadelphia," was established. The next year, two more meeting houses were established, one hundred and nine feet above the usual height. Engineers were of opinion that the water would soon burst its barriers, when it would rush towards Lima, sweeping everything before it, and submerging the lower portion of that city.

In the game for the base ball championship yesterday, at Chicago, between the Philadelphias and Bostons, the former were the victors by a score of 9 to 4.

Hon. Joseph Medill, Mayor of Chicago, and wife and three daughters, left that city yesterday for Europe.

Advices received at Cincinnati from Prof. Hersford of the Jury on the Commerce of the World at Vienna, state the cartoons representing hog slaughtering, pork packing and statistics, all prepared under the auspices of the Cincinnati Pork Packers' Association, have received the highest medal within the gift of the Committee.

The first bale of new crop cotton for the Shreveport market was received yesterday at that place, classed low middling, and sold at twenty-five cents per pound.

President Grant arrived at the Glen House, White mountains, yesterday morning, and was at the Tip Top House at three o'clock, P. M. The President and party will arrive at Burlington, Vt., by special train, at 7:20 this morning, and after breakfast and an informal reception will take the lake steamer for Ticonderoga and Lake George.

The members of the Constitutional Convention have been invited to attend the funeral of Hon. Wm. M. Meredith.

A number of passengers on the burned steamer Wawaseet were examined yesterday by the Investigating committee, but no new facts were elicited.

At a meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, in Philadelphia, last night, the question of organizing a national Association, with a view to having a grand horticultural display on the occasion of the Centennial celebration, was discussed and finally referred to a committee to confer with the Executive Committee of the Centennial Commission, with power to act.

The *Herald's* correspondent at Cairo reports the break down of a steamer with Sir Samuel Baker on board near Shaderan Island. A tug has gone to her assistance. This island is situated three hundred miles from Suez. In September, 1869, the steamer Carratic got on the same island in the same neighborhood and became a total loss.

A disastrous fire has taken place in the city of Valparaiso, causing a loss of $50,000.

The towns of Petren, Quillota, Ligna and Llonache, in Chili, have been greatly damaged by earthquakes.

Cornelius A. Logan, United States Minister to Chili, was favorably received by the President on the 27th of June.

The two Dions, Garnier and Daly will enter as contestants in the three ball billiard tournament at Chicago, October 13th.

Governor Osborn, on his recent visit to Southern Kansas, inaugurated vigorous measures for the apprehension of the Benders. The authorities of Montgomery, where the Benders reside, will furnish all the information which they can obtain relative to the murders of Gordon, Kelly and Hall. Governor Osborn has also offered a reward of $1,000 for the capture of the Benders.

The Democracy of Lehigh county have put the following ticket in nomination: Senator, Edwin Albright; Assembly, Robert Steckel, James Kimmel; Associate Judge, David Laury; Treasurer, Peter Hendricks; Commissioner, Jesse Solliday; Poor Director, John Erdman; Jury Commissioner, Samuel Berger; Auditor, Frank Herring.

The following gentleman are named in connection with the Republican nominations in Bradford county: Representatives, Hon. E. Reed Myer, Major B. S. Dartt, Hon. J. H. Webb, C. F. Nichols, L. J. Andress, Dr. E. G. Tracy; Associate Judge, C. Cook, G. W. Ingham; C. W. Reynolds; Commissioner, E. B. Moore, A. Snell, Geo. W. Kilmer; Treasurer, M. Marshall.

The Philadelphia *Press* says: At least two things are beyond dispute in Pennsylvania—the Liberal party has been washed out, and the Democrats are very nearly "played out," to borrow a homely phrase. However we may differ about other matters, these two are pretty well settled.

Massachusetts.

CHANGE OF TIME IN HOLDING REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

BOSTON, August 19.—The Republican State Central Committee to-day decided to change the time of holding the Convention at Worcester to September 10th, as the hall was engaged from the 17th to the 24th.

Ohio.

OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN AT XENIA.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

XENIA, OHIO, August 19, 1873.

Alphonzo Hart will speak on the political issues of the day at the Opera House Friday night next. Politicians are doing a considerable amount of wire working now, preparatory to the coming campaign.

Texas.

THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

DALLAS, TEXAS, August 19.—The Texas Republican State Convention assembled here today at 12 M. A. G. Mallory, of Jefferson, was made temporary Chairman. Governor Davis made a speech in which he asked them to act harmoniously. He did not care who they nominated so they were honest men. A Committee on Credentials was appointed, and the Convention adjourned till four o'clock, at which time it again assembled, and there was a large crowd in the hall and the hot weather they adjourned to Pitt's lager beer garden. Davis's nomination for Governor is certain.

General.

Last year the Democrats boasted that they could carry Ohio, because they had the Liberals with them. This year they boast that they will carry the State because they have not got the Liberals and the Allen county departurists. The weaker they are, the stronger they become.—*Toledo Blade.*

Now we know just what they are. The Cincinnati *Volksblatt* says that William Allen represents the Past, Governor Noyes the political Present, and Judge Collins the political Future. We also learn that the first is the "gone-under sun," the second the "mid-day sun," and the third the "morning twilight" which will soon be the "mid-day sun." Morning twilight is good, but as a matter of astronomical fact we would like to know how the "morning twilight" will become visible with the mid-day sun in the sky?—*Cleveland Herald.*

The following is a list of coming political conventions, for which calls have already been issued: Wednesday, August 20, Texas Republican State Convention, in Dallas; Wednesday, August 27, Maryland Democratic Convention, at Saratoga Springs; Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention, in Wilkesbarre; Wisconsin Republican State Convention, in Madison; Mississippi Republican State Convention, in Jackson; Friday, September 12, Maryland Republican State Convention, in Frederick.

Peach Cake

To the yolks of three eggs, beaten, add one cup of white sugar, one-half cup butter, one-half cup sweet milk, two cups flour, having in it one measure Banner Baking Powder, the whites of three eggs beaten stiff, make in jelly-cake pans; when cold and just before eating, place in layers, covering each one with fresh peaches which have previously been sugared.

Each can of Banner Baking Powder contains a small pamphlet, to be used even full, according to printed directions. If you cannot obtain this really INCOMPARABLE and HEALTHFUL cooking agent, send by mail, addressed to ROBERT GILLESPIE & CO., Second and Wood streets.

THE VERY LATEST.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Spain.

ARMS LANDED FROM THE DERBYMOUND.

BAYONNE, August 19.—The Carlists say that among the cargo safely delivered from the Derbymound were one thousand seven hundred and fifty rifles.

SEVERE ENGAGEMENT—CARLISTS VICTORIOUS.

PERPIGNON, August 19.—A desperate engagement has just taken place between a force of Carlists numbering two hundred and forty men, and three columns of Spanish Republicans. The battle was fought in the open country, between the towns of Berga and Casseras, and resulted in the defeat of the Republicans, with a loss of two hundred men and one gun.

THE CORTES DISCUSSING THE LOAN.

MADRID, August 19.—The Carlists have again entered the town of Estella. The Cortes are now engaged in a discussion of the new loan bill, the first article of which has been adopted.

England.

HOLYHEAD BREAKWATER—TUNNEL DISASTER.

LONDON, August 19.—The opening of Holyhead breakwater took place to-day, the Prince of Wales officiating.

By the caving of a tunnel at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, four workmen were killed and twenty wounded.

Switzerland.

DEATH OF FREDERICK AUGUST OF BRUNSWICK.

GENEVA, August 19.—Duke Frederick August William Charles, of Brunswick, died of apoplexy this morning, aged sixty-nine years.

Marine News.

LIVERPOOL, August 19.—The steamships Ville De Havre, City of Paris, Columbia and Rhein, from New York, the Ohio from Philadelphia, and the Montreal and St. Patrick from Portland, arrived out.

European Markets.

LONDON, August 19, 5 P. M.—Consols 92¾@92¾. American Securities—5 208 of '65, 90; do '67, 90¾; 10-40s, 90½; new 5s, 91¾; Erie 46¾. Turpentine 26s6d.

FRANKFORT, August 19.—5-20s 92, 97¾.

PARIS, August 19.—Rentes 57 francs 67 centimes.

LIVERPOOL, August 19.—Cotton heading down at 7¾@7¾d; sales 8,000 bales; speculation and export 1,000 bales. Breadstuffs buoyant. California white wheat average 12s 4d@12s 7d; club, 12s 2d@12s 3d; red winter 12s 6d. Flour—Ohio, 25s@26s. Corn 30s. Lard 39s 6d. Cheese 60s 6d. Cumberland middles 37s; short rib middles 40s. Pork 74s.

FRANKFORT, August 19.—Refined petroleum 31¾ francs.

THE LEMONT DISASTER.

Testimony of the Engineer of the Coal Train—The Conductor Not Yet Arrested.

CHICAGO, August 19.—The Coroner's inquest of the recent collision on the Chicago and St. Louis Railroad was resumed this morning. The principal witness examined was Joshua Puffenberger, engineer of the coal train locomotive. His testimony showed that this particular train had been run in a careless manner on the night of the accident. He says he looked at his watch upon arriving at Lemont, and found that he had plenty of time to run to Willow Springs, fifty minutes and over. It was exactly quarter to eleven when it left Lemont. He told Conductor Bean that he was going to Sag to take on water, and the latter answered all right, go ahead. The collision occurred twenty-five minutes afterwards. Then compared his watch with some men on the passenger train and found it an hour slow. Could not account for the condition of the watch. Would not have left Lemont if he had been correct time, even though the conductor gave him orders. Had not expected to run on the main track. Witness detailed some conversation he had with Bean after the accident, from which he would appear that Bean was totally ignorant of the time at which the collision took place, and of circumstances attending the catastrophe. Bean had not yet been arrested, but the coroner authorities are on his track. The general feeling through the city is that an example should be made of the engineer and conductor.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 20, 1 A. M.

PROBABILITIES FOR TO-DAY.

For New England and the Middle Atlantic States fair weather, with slowly falling barometer, easterly to southeasterly winds with partly cloudy weather in the interior and threatening weather on the coast. For the Lower Lake region falling barometer, rising temperature, southeasterly to southerly winds and clear or partly cloudy weather during the day followed by increasing cloudiness and threatening weather.

For the Upper Lake region and the Northwest light to fresh southerly and westerly winds, with partly cloudy and clear weather, except in Northern Michigan and thence westward to Minnesota, where local rains and fogs will prevail. For the Ohio valley and southward to the Gulf rising temperature light easterly to southeasterly winds and clear or partly cloudy weather. For the South Atlantic States easterly to southeasterly winds, rising temperature and areas of light rain.

Midnight Bulletin.

AUGUST 19, 1873—10:48 P. M.

PLACE OF OBSERVATION.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
Cairo, Ill	73		Clear.
Cincinnati, O	70	E.	Clear.
Davenport, Iowa	71	W.	Fair.
Galveston, Tex	82	S.	Clear.
Indianapolis	71		Clear.
Leavenworth, Kansas	77	S.	Clear.
Louisville, Ky	70	S. E.	Clear.
Memphis, Tenn	75	E.	Clear.
Nashville, Tenn	76		Clear.
New Orleans, La	82	W.	Fair.
Omaha, Nebraska	69	S.	Fair.
Pittsburgh, Pa	64	N.	Fair.
Portland, Me	58	N.	Clear.
Sarevsport, La	78		Clear.
St. Louis, Mo	75	S. E.	Clear.
St. Paul	59	N.	Clear.
Vicksburg, Miss	80		Clear.
Keokuk	79	S. W.	Clear.
Fort Gibson, I. T	74	S.	Clear.
La Crosse, Wis	74	S.	Clear.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Stables and Contents Burned.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

MARION, IND., August 19, 1873.

This morning, about nine o'clock, a fire broke out in the stable of M. Crawford, which spread to the stable of Daniel Cuamier. Both were entirely consumed; also, Mr. Crawford's horse and several hogs, and all other contents.

Barn, Crops and Farming Utensils Destroyed.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

ZANESVILLE, O., August 19, 1873.

Jacob Linkenselter's barn, in Washington township, this county, was burned on Tuesday. The entire crop of wheat, oats and hay, and his farming implements were destroyed.

Destructive Fire in Quebec.

QUEBEC, CANADA, August 19.—A fire broke out in Druns's cabinet factory this morning, but at ten o'clock was almost subdued. It again got headway, however, and is now raging fiercely. The factory is in ruins, and a large stock of lumber in the adjoining yards is in flames. Gillet's and other lumber yards in the vicinity are in great danger. McCallum's brewery has been on fire several times, and two schooners in Dorgee's wharf has been burned. A force of armed sailors from the French frigate, men of the Dominion artillery, and the provincial and water police are on the ground.

LATER.—The fire is now under control. Loss, $125,000. Two hundred men will be thrown out of employment.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

A Temporary Injunction Granted.

ST. LOUIS, August 19.—Judge Wright of the Circuit Court at Chambers to-day granted a temporary injunction enjoining the City of St. Louis from further interfering with the tracks of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company on Poplar street between Seventh street depot and the river front or preventing the company from using said track. The case will come before the Court for argument about the middle of next month.

Lawless State of Affairs in the Indian Territory.

PARSONS, KS., August 19.—The United States Indian agent for the Creek Indians says that since the 1st of May, when he took charge of that agency, twenty murders have been committed in a scope of country containing less than 15,000 persons, and that not one has been arrested or punished. Three of these murders were committed by Light Horse, who was the conservator of the peace, and that parties were killed while in the custody of officers under a solemn pledge to give them a fair trial before the law. Advices from all parts of the Territory show that the good men of all parties demand that the Indian country shall be put under the protection of the United States government.

The Missing Newspaper Correspondent.

LOUISVILLE, August 19.—Lord, the missing *Herald* correspondent, drew a large amount of money the morning he left Shelbyville from the bank, and told Waterbury, the agent of the Home Sewing Machine Company, that he would go to Cincinnati. He left a carpet-bag, script, clothing and jewelry in his room. No reason is assigned for his strange disappearance.

The widow of Charles J. Cromwell, Todd county, Ky., who was killed in an accident on the Louisville and Nashville Road, has brought suit in the Todd Circuit Court against the railroad company for $20,000 damages.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Rev. Gardiner Spring, for sixty-three years pastor of the Brick church of New York, died at his residence in that city on Monday, aged eighty-nine years.

Owing to a reduction of wages, the horse shoers of Brooklyn are on a strike.

Six tons of gold coin, brought by the Treasury officials from San Francisco, have been forwarded to the New York Sub-Treasury.

The Sea Cliff Camp Meeting Association and the Beulah Mission and Home for the Aged, both institutions under the management of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York, are disputing over certain real estate, and will apply to the Courts for settlement.

The conductors and brakemen of freight trains on the western division of the New York Central Railway have struck, and no freight trains are running between Rochester and Buffalo.

John H. Fairchild, Vice President of the Marine Insurance Company, and President of the Board of Underwriters of St. Louis, died Monday night of cerebro spinal meningitis.

The members of the Iron and Steel Institute, of Liege, Belgium, have been invited to meet in the United States in 1874.

Additional affidavits have been made in the case pending in New York against Richard Musser, for smuggling goods into this country at different times to the value of ten thousand dollars.

The steamship Minnesota, from Liverpool, arrived at New York yesterday.

The express train due at Rochester at seven o'clock yesterday morning from Detroit, on the Great Western Railway, is in the Welland canal at Throbold. Both the engines, drawing an unusual number of passenger coaches, and all the baggage and express cars plunged into the canal. It is reported that all the passengers and employees escaped injury. The accident was caused by the engineer jumping from the engine before he had brought it to a stop, having become alarmed at the filling of the cab with steam and boiling water, owing to the bursting of the water gauge glass.

Mr. McEnery, of Louisiana, in response to a communication from citizens of Monroe, writes a long letter upon the political troubles in that State. He proposes one of two remedies, viz: the rescue of the government by the United States or the withdrawal of the intelligent people of the State; or a surrender of the government to the Federal authorities. He thinks the latter alternative would be preferred by any one educated in the theory and practice of government. The letter is very bitter on the Kellogg party.

STATE NEWS.

Ohio.

The discovery of some boxes filled with straw and other combustibles, under a building in Hills

The Daily Commercial.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1873.

THE simon-pure Democrats of Iowa propose to hold a State Convention of their own, and refuse to be delivered into the hands of the "anti-monopoly" leaders. We admire their pluck.

SEVERAL prominent New York politicians are declining, in advance, nomination on the Democratic State ticket. This eagerness not to get on that ticket does not indicate a very great confidence in its success.

MR. FACING-BOTH-WAYS continues to hold control in the Democratic party. The New York *World* insists that the Ohio Democratic platform means free trade, and the Cleveland *Heidendeler* contends that it means protection. Anything to beat the Republicans.

THE St. Louis *Globe* says that throughout Missouri a murderer is safe—perfectly safe from arrest and punishment. The Iowa railroad robbers did not feel secure until they got into Missouri, and now they are considered as being completely beyond reach. It seems hard to believe, but Missouri is a Democratic State, and the *Globe* ought to know.

WHY is it that people will give heed to the lies of the New York *Sun?* Its two most recent sensations—the ten million deficit in the United States Treasury and the wholesale dismissal of men in the New York Custom House—have turned out fabrications, and its slander on Senator CARPENTER, of Wisconsin, is fast ripening to exposure; yet its next falsehood will be as eagerly caught up and circulated as these have been.

THE last men in the arena defending the back-pay are MACHEN, of Kentucky, NIBLACK, of Indiana, and CAMPBELL, of Ohio—all Democrats. The Democratic members of the last Congress not only secured the passage of the back-pay amendment, but took the money, keep it, and defend the act by which they got it; yet the party has the impudence to pass resolutions holding the Republicans responsible for the acts of Democratic Representatives!

OUR former fellow-citizen, General WILLIAM LARIMER, who is well known to all of the older residents here, is very highly spoken of in Kansas as a candidate for the place in the United States Senate rendered vacant by CALDWELL'S resignation. General LARIMER has been resident in Kansas for many years, where he has maintained a high reputation for industry, energy and thrift, and having served acceptably in the army during the war, and in the Legislature since, is well known and highly esteemed throughout the State. The Republican papers of Kansas all speak of him in flattering terms.

THE United States District Court of Nebraska decides that counties cannot tax the land given by the United States to the Union Pacific Railroad, because the United States having never issued patents for it, the title is still in the government; and now it appears that the United States refuses to patent the land because the railroad is not completed, or has not been legally declared completed. It follows that purchasers of the land already sold by the company have no title and can get none until the railroad gets one; and the railroad is thus placed in the position of having sold lands and guaranteed the title to them, without possessing any title thereto.

THE Democrats of Maine passed a resolution declaring that the Republicans, being in a majority in Congress, were responsible, not only for the back-pay, but for all the evils of which the country complains. *"Including the seduction of Democratic members of Congress* to the corrupt schemes of the Republican party." If the Democratic members of Congress are so easily seduced, what is the use of electing them? Clearly, a party whose representative men are the Maine Democratic Convention being judge, open to the seductions of the other party, is not qualified to right the wrongs which its own men have helped to perpetrate.

ACCORDING to MR. JEFFERSON DAVIS, the South was not conquered, but cheated. He would have us believe that the people surrendered, not to our army but to our diplomatists, who cheated it with false promises; and yet, when the whole truth is known, it was *he* who cheated the South with false promises, and prevented the earlier closing of the war upon terms which the South could have accepted. After the interview of LINCOLN with the Southern Commissioners at Fortress Monroe, and when MR. DAVIS had learned *that the United States* government offered the most favorable terms to the Rebels he convened the famous meeting at the African church in Richmond, withheld from it the actual terms offered by MR. LINCOLN, and stirred up the South to further resistance by the wiliful lie told at that meeting that the United States government would hear of no terms but abject submission. The siege of Richmond and the battles around it followed, resulting in the final surrender at Appomattox. The South was fairly whipped into that surrender, and it knows it; and the only cheating indulged in was that employed by MR. DAVIS himself to prolong a struggle that, to all honest eyes, was hopeless.

THE true policy of the South has always been to encourage manufactures; yet she has always preferred to be a mere producer of the raw material. If a new light is beginning to break on her, we shall be glad of it; and this paragraph from a recent South Carolina paper is certainly evidence of it:

> "This Southern country will become as great in cotton spinning as in cotton growing. The New England rivers are miserable gutters in comparison with the broad streams of the South. These and our genial climate were not given us for nothing. We believe that they were given the South, as her cotton fields and iron mines and gold mines were given her, to make the South independent; not dependent by virtue of premiums wrested from the government to compensate her for the superior advantages of other lands, but independent from the simple fact that her position, her soil and climate, and the new-born energy of her people enable her to work more cheaply and more effectively than can be done in any other section of the Union or in any country in Europe. This is the new song of the South."

This is solid sense, and if the South, instead of stigmatizing every new comer as a carpet-bagger, and persecuting every one who seeks to aid in developing her great resources as a manufacturing power, will but welcome such aid as she can most assuredly get, the day is not far distant when she will be as rich and prosperous as she is now sullen and discontented.

WEST VS. EAST.

A good geography of the State of Pennsylvania would be of some service to the Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press*. He not only persists in giving Judge MERCUR the west seat, but adds MR. DIMMICK, the Attorney General; MR. STRANG, Speaker of the Senate, and MR. OLMSTEAD, President of the Republican State Convention to the western list. MR. DIMMICK is from Wayne, an eastern county; MR. STRANG from Tioga, and MR. OLMSTEAD from Potter—both northeastern counties, and neither having the slightest connection with the west.

The east, according to this correspondent, gets nothing, and the west gets everything. Let us see. The Governor is from the east; the Surveyor General, the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General are from the east; the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth is from the center, but east of the mountains; the President of the Constitutional Convention was from Philadelphia; the Speaker of the House has been in the east five years, and the Philadelphia has held that place for four years out of the five; the Superintendent of Common Schools is from the east; and so, likewise, is the Superintendent of the Insurance Department. The west has the State Treasurer, the Auditor General, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, two of the present Supreme Bench, and the candidate for the third place. We see nothing in the comparison to indicate that the west is getting more than its share. As to counting the Chairman of the State Committee against the west, that is preposterous. *That* is no office; and if any one in the east is anxious for the place, he can certainly become to it. The west gets it only because the east does not seem to want it.

As to the west getting more than her share, let us count the past with the present. The west has had but *one* Attorney General—CORNELIUS DARRAGH, in 1849; with that exception the east has held that office since 1791; and the west, strictly speaking, has had the Governorship since 1790—JOHNSON and RITNER. SHUNK was nominally elected Allegheny county when elected, but was, in reality, a Montgomery county man. The Secretaries of the Commonwealth, too, until MR. QUAY, have uniformly been eastern men, MR. RUSSELL having been appointed from Bedford, although afterward a resident here; and a western man was never elected Auditor General until 1871. The first election to that office took place in 1850, and prior to that JOHN N. PURVIANCE was the only western man appointed to it. Of the Surveyors General since 1800 the west has had but three, who served but twelve years; and of the State Treasurers since 1802, the west has had but ten of the thirty, and but twenty-two of the seventy-one years. The Superintendents of Common Schools have *all* been from the east; and the east has always, until the present, had nearly all the Supreme Judges. Since 1851, when the Judges were first elected, the west has had only COULTER, LOWRIE, BLACK, THOMPSON, AGNEW and WILLIAMS—six out of fifteen—and COULTER died shortly after he was elected.

For ourselves, we give no heed to this cry of locality. It may be wise and prudent in political parties to take it into consideration; but in reality it matters nothing where a candidate comes from. As a matter of fact, the west has not, generally, had its full share; and if, for the moment, she has a temporary advantage, it is to be attributed to the varying chances of politics, and not to any sudden access of strength.

Let us add that what is geographically called "the West," is that portion of the State west of the Allegheny range of mountains. The northern counties have no connection with the west, and are geographically cut off from it. The centre of the State is nearer and easier of access, but its sympathies and connections are mainly with the east. While we are content, therefore, to have the west charged with all she gets, we protest against being debited with offices given to the north and centre. Let every tub stand on its own bottom.

THINGS IN FRANCE.

In the telegraphic statements published in our issue of yesterday that, the French government is secretly favoring the Carlists, and is taking preparatory steps to acknowledge them as belligerents, there is nothing we fancy incredible or even improbable. Bourbon influence seems quite strong and to be growing stronger in France just now, and the restoration of the Spanish monarchy in the person of that member of the family who represents Spanish legitimacy, is believed to be a part of the programme which the adherents of the Count DE CHAMBORD are endeavoring to carry out. If the Count could succeed in mounting the throne of France as HENRY V., it would of course be a great comfort, as well as a great support to him and his friends to see "moral order" reigning in Spain under a royal title as divine and unquestionable as his own.

For a good while the withdrawal of the last German troops from French territory has been looked forward to as an event likely, if not certain, to produce a crisis in French affairs, and several signs already appear to justify the prognostication. In consequence people, not only in France but in the rest of Europe, anticipate in the near future a movement more or less important and decisive for the overthrow of the republic. Among the signs referred to the pilgrimages merit mention, even if their significance be considerably exaggerated. Though Catholics of all monarchical parties and some pious republicans take part in them, the religious revival they indicate is evidently for the most part confined to the ranks of the Legitimists. They furnish the high born and socially influential laymen who countenance the extraordinary demonstrations and give them respectability by their devout example. Many of these leaders of the best society are persons who have always cherished the Catholic religion as the faith of their ancestors and of their country through centuries of loyalty and power. Having never yielded to the prevalent spirit of VOLTAIRE, they for themselves had neither infidelity nor heresy to repent of. But they had fully shared in the frivolity of their compatriots, and they were easily persuaded of the national guilt before heaven incurred by national unbelief and national wickedness. Then the relations between the Catholic faith and loyalty to the throne occupied by either branch of their ancient line of Kings, were easily comprehended; a view which at once interested even unbelieving monarchists in the religious revival as a political agency which might become powerful. Hence infidel Orleanists and infidel Bonapartists not a few have eagerly participated in the pilgrimages with an appearance of devotion most edifying to behold.

It is, however, well understood that the movement has been from the beginning under the direction and control of the priesthood. It was of course suggested by the profound depression, mortification and self-reproach caused by the defeats and calamities of the German war. As the result of these afflictions great numbers of the people were rendered peculiarly receptive to spiritual exhortations, and quite in the way of duty, their spiritual teachers and guides endeavored to give the minds of their flocks a direction which should redound, not only to growth in grace, but to increased zeal in behalf of the church and its afflicted Head, the Holy Father thought of as a prisoner in the hands of his enemies! Hence whatever political color the revival may have seem to wear, it was designed before all a movement in behalf of the Papacy, and its sacerdotal managers, largely Jesuits, are doubtless prepared, after all, to employ it in favor of whatever political party shall be found most able and willing to forward the great objects at which they aim, a restoration of the Pope's temporal power, the overthrow of his enemies and the recognition as the undisputed spiritual ruler of the Catholic world.

While it is easy to overrate the importance of the religious revival, there is yet some evidence that it has had much to do in effecting the reconciliation or fusion of interests between the leaders of the Orleanists and the Legitimists which is reported to have taken place, and which is expected soon to have decisive results. Difficulties which appear insuperable lay in the way of union and hardly anybody expected the coalition which is said to have been effected. Chief among these obstacles was the obstinacy of the Count DE CHAMBORD, obstinacy rooted in religious convictions, and there is nothing absurd in the supposition that he has been brought to yield to the counsels of his friends by what, no doubt, seemed to him the supernatural interposition by which the blessed faith of the middle ages has been revived among the people of France. Upon the Count OF PARIS, also, the same phenomena, differently interpreted perhaps, may have made an impression not to be resisted. It is certain that he lately paid visit, his rival a visit, with the result of so adjusting their relations that Orleanists and Legitimists are expected to co-operate in crowning HENRY V. The concessions made by the Count DE CHAMBORD to modern prejudices are immense, if reports be true. For one thing, he is willing, as King, to accept a regular constitution from the Assembly, instead of governing entirely by his own will. And still more remotely is he in agreement to give up the ancient Bourbon flag, the white banner with the golden lilies, and to accept the tricolor in its place.

Whether MACMAHON and the army are ready to put the Count on the throne remains to be seen. The most probable opinion is that the President might be willing, if the change of government could be made without bloodshed. But he is an "honorable man," as all concede, and will, therefore, maintain the republic until assured that monarchy can be substituted without civil war. There is probably little likelihood that the Bonapartists would accept monarchy in the person of HENRY V., and the Republicans would certainly resist the claims of the Count of Paris. And however popular MACMAHON may be with the army, there is no good reason to believe that it would act as a unit, if civil strife were once begun. But everything seems to depend upon the President and his army, and it would be foolish to hazard any confident predictions as to what they will or will not do. Most likely he was selected, with the silent consent of the "honest man," is quietly working to put things in such a condition that the "honest man" without harm to his honesty can substitute a monarchy for the republic.

Relics from Georgia.

Mr. William M. Kinley has forwarded to the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington, some valuable antique relics, with the following explanatory letter:

> MILLERSVILLE, GA., August 8, 1873.
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> *Joseph Henry, Esq., Secretary Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.:*
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> DEAR SIR: By express I send you a precious box containing one simple Indian pitcher, Oconee; two thrice-perforated augur-bored stone implements, ancient stone-work, Shiloh; one of these ancients had the spiral augur hard enough to bore the hardest flint. The spiral thread is as perfect and regular as any screw. The augur, even used to bore wood, is one of the highest evidences of civilization. What shall we say of the augur to bore flint! Above all, I send you Oconee funeral urn, about which I before wrote to you. I hold it back to gratify public curiosity here, and to get the missing fragments of the broken lid. When plowed up it still contained human relics, distinguishable pigeon's feet and toes, which soon perished by exposure to air, showing air had never had any access before, and that it was hermetically sealed and both air and water tight. I call your special notice to the structure of the urn. First, its graceful form, equal to any pottery; second, its composition, very thin, and yet consisting of three very distinct layers; inside, white, hard, like enamel, perfectly air and water-tight; the middle layer about the thickness of fine calf-skin leather; a foundation for the inner and outer coatings consisting of black, sandy matter, hard; third, the outer coat, graphic clay, kept in condition for writing on during the whole process of the writer's elaborate work, so he could write the whole record. This written culture, if translated, would be as large as the page of an ordinary newspaper. These three layers strata and coatings, are united by the highest science. Fearing this precious American antique may get burned, or worse, broken here, I send it to you and the Smithsonian Institution as the best depositories thereof, and hoping that your future collections will enable some new Champillion or Young to read and translate the lost language, whose characters, I think, are written on this vase. I beg you to deposit it with the Georgia collection in the museum of the institution. Very respectfully yours,
>
> WILLIAM M. KINLEY.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The number of distilleries in the United States in operation August 1st, is stated by the Internal Revenue Department at 205, with a capacity for producing 181,729 gallons of spirits daily. This is a decrease compared with July 1st of 103 in the number of distilleries, and 30,490 gallons in the daily production. It will thus be seen that the distilleries have their vacation in mid-summer as well as other people, for it is not to be understood that those which stopped running in July have gone out of the business.

The "hoodlums" of San Francisco are infinite in resources. They have devised a new way of money-making, which is rather brilliant. Two of them enter into partnership. One of the firm insults a rich young lady in a public place; the other with great spirit knocks him down, and gallantly protects the young lady, and sees her home, where, of course, the grateful father gives him $50 or so.

Ceylon exports between two and three million gallons of cocoanut oil every year. The business has increased since the opening of the Suez Canal.

Two unsuccessful attempts at cable laying have recently been made in Michigan, the design being to extend the wires across the Strait of Mackinaw, the entrance to Lake Michigan, and thus to connect the upper and lower peninsulas which form the State of Michigan. In the first attempt the bottom was found so uneven and rocky as to give little hope of the durability of the cable when completed. It was attempted a second time at a different place, but the cable was too short to span the Strait.

A Kalamazoo, Mich., colt found a vest hanging on a fence and chewed it up along with $50 in greenbacks in the pocket.

The St. Louis *Dispatch* is going to publish an edition on Sunday afternoon, a novelty in newspapers in this country.

Scene in Court: Judge—"Have you anything to offer to the Court before sentence is passed on you?" Prisoner—"No, Judge; I had ten dollars, but my lawyers took that."

What a conglomeration of religious bodies a great city is is clearly illustrated by the latest statistics of Paris, which, it seems, contains 1,752,929 Catholics, 30,421 Israelites, 17,281 Calvinists, 14,940 Lutherans, 9,842 Anglicans, Methodists and Quakers; 422 Mohammedans, Buddhists and Brahmins; 2,000 persons who declared that they belonged to no religious sect, and two only who had the courage to confess that they were free-thinkers.

The following periodicals have recently been started in England: *The Newsvender*, a monthly organ of the news trade; *Medical Notes and Queries*, published weekly at one penny; *The Timber Trades Journal*, a fortnightly magazine, representing the interests of all consumers of wood, such as builders, cabinet-makers, pianoforte makers, carpenters, printers, joiners, &c.; and *The Civil Service Reform*, a weekly, discussing Civil Service subjects.

The St. Paul *Dispatch* and the St. Paul *Pioneer* assert there is a gigantic Pine Land Ring in Minnesota, and that about 60,000,000 feet of timber from school, university, and internal improvement lands have been sold the last year to private parties, the State receiving no benefit therefrom.

The work of a new tunnel in connection with the Erie Railway at Hoboken will shortly be commenced.

Manitoba is pronounced Manitobaw, with a strong accent on the last syllable, by natives of the region and Dominionists generally.

Everybody who returns from Florida complains of the poorness of the food there, and says that the cookery is worse than the food. The inhabitants live mostly on pork and very tough, stringy fowls; and though game, such as deer and wild turkeys, are brought to the market, they are said to be always in very bad condition. Fish and oysters are the only articles of food that are really good there.

The Chicago *Tribune* speaks of the law passed by the Legislature in accordance with the so-called anti-railroad clause in the new Illinois Constitution: "The result, thus far, has been to kill competition without in the least relieving the intermediate stations."

Tea, and of good quality, is said to be growing in Florida, and not giving much trouble to the cultivators either. Here is a rare chance for enterprising persons to utilize the Chinese in this country by taking them to the South, with the agreement that they are to devote their attention to the care of the tea-fields that ought to be planted in Florida if the reports of the successful culture of the leaf, the infusion of which cheers but not inebriates, are strictly true. The raising of tea would prove of vastly more profit to the planter than the cane of sugar groves and preservation of live oak timber forests.

Scruples—English Tourist—"My Man, what's your charge for rowing across the frith?" Boatman—"Weel, sir, it was just thinkin' I canna, break the Sabbath-day for no less than fifteen shillin's!"—*Punch.*

The Whitehall *Times* thinks Chicago fitly named, for there is no place on the continent where man can get rid of his she-cargo with less trouble.

A Western parson delicately began a funeral discourse by alluding to the fact that he had officiated at the hanging of the father of the deceased.

Our imports from Europe last week represent a money value of $6,970,442.

There is to be a railway in Peoria on which the cars will run on a single rail.

The sharp, saw-like edges of the Elizabethan ruffs are said to have been the cause of several engagements being broken off this summer. Young men can't endure the agony of continually running their faces against a buzz saw.

In some parts of Canada the Indians have become so addicted to the pursuits of civilization that they are afraid to venture far into the woods lest they might get lost. One old red farmer was lately lost for two days in a small piece of woods within a few rods of his house.

One of the branches of industry developed in Baltimore lately, that demands no capital and no special endowments, is the mat trade. Every boy's stock is obtained is to walk up to the front door of a dwelling, take a mat, go home and wash it, and then go back and sell it to the former owner. The only unpleasantness in the way is that the police are so inquisitive.

PERSONAL.

Samuel P. Fiske of Claremont, N. H., has purchased 2,000 volumes of books at an outlay of $2,500, and designs within a year to procure another 2,000 volumes, the whole to form the nucleus of the free Fiske Library. In addition to this, $1,000 will be given to the town by MR. Fiske and $1,000 by his wife, to be a permanent fund, the income each year to be used in replenishing and repairing the library books.

The number of birth-places of noted men that are in sight from the top of Kearsarge, in New Hampshire, is remarkable. On the Eastern side you look almost directly down upon a township ten miles square in which were born Ezekiel and Daniel Webster, William Pitt Fessenden, John A. DIX, Farmer, the politician, and the Bartlett family (including Ichabod, famous in New Hampshire). Vice President Wilson was born in Farmington; Lewis Cass, in Exeter; U. S. Senator Grimes, Dearing; U. S. Senator Chandler, in Bedford; Jere. Wood, Jr., in Portsmouth; Horace Greeley, in Amherst; Gen. Burnside, in Deerfield; Franklin Pierce, in Hillsborough; Chief Justice Chase, in Cornish, and Chief Justice Chase, of Maine, in Rumney—and all these places may be seen from Kearsarge.

The captain of a trading vessel says that while at Byron's Island, in the South Pacific, some months since, he saw the real Sir Roger Tichborne, all shipped from head to heel, and living among his rival a chief among the natives. He should hardly be distinguished as a white man. Referring to an account of the Tichborne trial, he said to the Captain: "I find the plaintiff lied to that island property, and all that is here stated in this paper is false. How can I appear in England to claim my just rights? There is no escape from here. We hope he will try and be content with his exalted position among the people of Byron's Island, for if he should go to England there would be less chance of ever hearing the last of this case, and there seems little chance even now."

The Shah has expressed himself much gratified by his reception in Italy. Italy has also expressed herself much gratified by the Shah's gratification. The gratification of the Shah is much gratified at being expressed by so distinguished a personage.

There are eight representatives of the judiciary of Japan just now in San Francisco, making a tour of inspection of the Courts, municipal offices, &c. The party came in the steamer Quang-Se.

The Dunkirk (N. Y.) *Journal* says that Joseph Wright, of the Buffalo *Courier*, who had been challenged to fight a duel by Israel T. Hatch, of Buffalo, Warren accepted the challenge and chose broadswords for the weapons of Military Spaces.

It is related that a plain, honest farmer, the friend of Clay, being solicited to be candidate for the Legislature, called on the great Mr. Clay and sought his counsel as to the propriety of serving his country in the manner of law. "My advice to you," said Mr. Clay earnestly, "is to keep out of politics. They will trump all kinds of charges against you and ruin your character." "But," replied the honest old farmer "they can't say anything against my character. Everybody knows that I have led a blameless life." "Try it," added Mr. Clay, who knew how it was himself, "try it. The right good old man did try it, and before the canvass was over he withdrew from it in very deep disgust. Meeting Mr. Clay afterward he was asked, with a sigh, how his chances for election. "I have withdrawn," he replied somewhat earnestly. "Do you think," said he, "they not only charged me with stealing a sheep once, but what is worse, they came d—d near proving it? I am done with politics."

The Supervisors of Iroquois county, Ill., have given MRS. SMITH $200 for adding four to the population at a single effort.

Dr. Mackarness, Bishop Wilberforce's successor in the See of Oxford, is likely to succeed him in that of Winchester.

The personal property of Mr. Samuel Sinclair, late publisher and largest owner of the New York *Tribune*, at Throgmorton Landing, is to be sold at auction.

Two Poughkeepsie editors went to Stanfordville lately for a little fresh air, and were put under surveillance as burglars. Meanwhile the neighborhood having been robbed that morning.

An old lady named Hancock, at Chickopee Falls, Massachusetts, has lain on one side for five years. The physicians are at a loss what change of position would cause her death. Her disease is water around the heart.

The Mayor of Ashland, Wisconsin, has been caught milking his neighbor's cows at early dawn.

Mr. Jenkins, the author of "Ginx's Baby," thinks he can make himself a great statesman if given a chance, by the borough of Dundee, in which he is now interesting with another writer, Mr. Fitzjames Stephens.

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LETTER FROM EGYPT, ILL.

Origin of the Name—Barnum in St. Louis—The Grangers and the Railroad Law—A New Iron Mine, &c., &c.

Special Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

SHAWNEETOWN, ILLS., August 15, 1873.

Among the various things said of America and Americans, there is none more true than the remark of an Irish friend, who once said, "the American nation is a nation of nicknames." There is sometimes considerable interesting matter found in tracing out the origin of these *soubriquets*. One of our resolutions on arriving in this part of Illinois was, if possible, to find out why the southern third of this populous State should be called

EGYPT.

The first attempt was to ascertain by observation without inquiry; but this was too slow, and we went to asking every man who looked as if he were "to the manner born," "Why is this part of your State called Egypt?" The answer was usually prefaced with a grin and a look of regret: "Spose its cause we're considerable in the dark down this way in matters of book larnin' and sich." This answer, though almost universally accepted as the correct reply, we found to be no less false than unjust. The truth is this: About 1820 to 1825, when the town of Vandalia was the State Capital, the northern and middle portion of the State began to fill up with settlers who, on arriving, found the supply of provisions very scarce, and so were compelled to go down into the southern counties for corn to keep away starvation.

Once, when a certain Col. Dunn, who afterward figured high in State politics, was upon a journey of this sort, he was asked by the landlord of the "tavern" at Vandalia where he was going. "Down into Egypt after corn," was the reply. And so to-day a circumstance as this is this section indebted for its euphonious *nom de plume*.

Leaving Vandalia, we were not long getting to St. Louis, which city we found busy talking about "Barnum's show," which was in full blast. Among others, we met Mr. Thomas, Mr. Barnum's thorough, affable and courteous man of business, who was very emphatic in his expression of pleasant recollections of Pittsburgh and her journalists.

The great sights of this great city have been sufficiently written up, I suppose, but I cannot refrain from noting a scene which occurs daily in front of the Planters' Hotel, opposite and underneath which, are situated the ticket offices of nearly all the great railroad lines which center here. The evening trains going East and West leave at the same hour, 6.15 P. M., and as the Mississippi river bridge is not yet finished, the roads undertake to make up for the deficiency by giving free transportation to East St. Louis, on the Illinois side. This is accomplished by means of twenty-five or thirty enormous omnibusses, whose capacities have never yet been exhausted, although we saw them filled so full that we supposed not another one could squeeze in; yet they kept right on "filling up." Top, sides and every available perch contained a passenger. There is great rivalry amongst the lines to make a big show. For some months past, the Vandalia line, *via* your Smoky City, has had the lead, and will make a strong effort to keep the advance. It is a sight worth going a long distance to see, when all those great loads of passengers start off at almost the same moment. In another letter I promised some items about

THE GRANGERS,

and I now propose a line or two on the subject. I must confess that I came to this vicinity fully prejudiced in favor of the so-called "Farmers' Movement." Recognizing that there was some action necessary on the part of the masses against monopolies of all kinds, and expected to find that these yeomen of the West were taking a step in the right direction. The writer expected to find these Granges presided over by some stalwart son of toil, who knew none of the "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" common to our average American politician. We expected to hear speeches from these brawney patriots, that would give evidence of more earnestness and less political lore, and tell the story of a nation's wrong in a way more forcible than polished. But all this was a mistake. "The same old dogs still bay the moon," as in other days, only they howl on the other side of the barn now.

THE OUTS WANT IN,

and there is the end of all this hubbub. In almost every instance, in a county where the Democracy have been in power for a time, you find the "Farmers' club" led by some office-seeking Republican, and in communities where an opposite state of affairs exists, the opposite fact is observable. We conversed during the last week with at least twenty-five or thirty of the most influential men to be met, both in and out of this movement, and the conclusion to that many of these farmers are already convinced that they, as a class, are to meet but little consideration, and that the old professional office-holders are at the bottom of the whole affair. The speakers at their public meetings are generally the same men who but lately mustered diligently in other ranks, and declaimed loudly for principles the very opposite of those now advocated. In conversation with a gentleman in the southern county, I got the idea, which was afterward confirmed by observation, that the average farmer in this locality is not thrifty and industrious as this section is usually found to be, but that many of them are, dissatisfied with homes where they might have gained a comfortable living right away a purse against "rainy day" by ordinary industry and frugality, have come "out West" expecting to find spontaneous harvests. In this they were mistaken, and soured by disappointment, they are ready to complain at any and everything affording a pretext. The fact is, remarked my informant, "we have too many lazy farmers" our corn fields and fences show it at every turn; and if they would mind their business and go to work, you would hear no more of this complaint." This is the opinion of one of the men who had no time to grumble.

THE ONE THING

that this great reformation has effected is the passage of the new railroad tariff law, which, just now, is running the business of the State. It costs fifty dollars to take a car of scrap iron across the State from St. Louis toward Cincinnati; and there are many articles of produce that now lay and rot upon the fields which once returned a handsome income, but which a non-discriminating freight tariff won't bear to get to market. The farmers have paid dearly for the experience which has taught them that law-making and corn-planting were vastly different trades.

> "Thanks for this lesson; it will teach
> To after ages more
> Than high philosophy can preach,
> And vainly preached before."

Everybody is anxious to see the law repealed.

SHAWNEETOWN

is one of the old towns of Illinois, being the second town in the State in age. Its inhabitants number perhaps 4,000, a large share of whom are colored. The good people here thought the town finished, and were about to put about it a wall to keep what is here from floating off, when the Ohio gets up; but the discovery of

IMMENSE IRON MINES

in Hardin county just south of this, has worked matters up to an extent little expected a year since.

Mr. J. M. Woodward, C. E., of New York, has been employed as Chief Engineer of the Shawnee and Paducah Railroad, at the same time he has been prospecting for the Martha Furnace Company on their lands for iron and lead ores, both of which were known to exist, but no one had any idea of the extent of these deposits, which have been found to exceed in value, when all things are considered, almost any other now known. Over 5,000 acres have already been tested, and the minerals found to exist over four feet in depth. The ore is of the brown hematite variety, and is chemically a hydrated sesqui-oxide of iron, which will yield 50 per cent. solid iron, being 30 per cent. water in oxide. The ore is very soft, and in some instances comes up a fine, earth-like substance. A most curious feature is this: the ore is principally found in wide, deep crevices in the St. Louis groupe of limestone, in which it is found. These crevices are twenty-five feet in depth, often feet across, the walls are straight and well defined as those of a stone house, and have been traced to an extent of two and a half miles in a direction north, E. and W., solid ore is reached fifty feet to eighty feet below the surface, and has been drilled into 2,000 feet. When the solid ore is once reached, there is no appreciable mixture of earth, clay or stone; but the bed of pure ore is solid and very easily worked, as it is also easily smelted.

THE FAMOUS ILLINOIS COAL MINES

are but nine miles from this one, while the Ohio river is only five miles off and a railroad building through the midst of them, to Shawneetown and Paducah, Ky. There are two furnaces to be built at Shawneetown, where Mr. W. expects to produce pig iron at $9 per ton. There are five of these ore crevices discovered thus far, and investigation still going on. The average height of the mines above the river is 300 feet.

This certainly seems as if it were the place for Pittsburgh to get her future supply of ore. It could be transported in her returning empty coal boats, to the mutual advantage of all interested.

ROVER.

One Thing Proved.

It was strongly charged by the *Ledger*, some weeks ago, that there was a combination to trade off the Supreme Judgeship for the State Treasurership in the Republican Convention. The result clearly proves that no such bargain or combination existed. Mr. Mackey's influence in that Convention was very great, probably greater than that of either of the three Henry Winns, as colored boy from Mississippi who was brought from Richmond, Virginia, eight years ago, and who at that time did not know his letters.

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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT,
HON. ISAAC G. GORDON, of Jefferson County.

FOR STATE TREASURER,
HON. ROBERT W. MACKEY, of Allegheny County.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

PRESIDENT JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT,
HON. THOMAS EWING, Pittsburgh.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE, DISTRICT COURT,
HON. J. W. F. WHITE, Sewickley.

STATE SENATE,
HON. GEORGE H. ANDERSON, Pittsburgh.

ASSEMBLY,
First City District,
HENRY H. MCCORMICK, Pittsburgh.
Second City District,
S. J. WAINWRIGHT, Pittsburgh.
County Districts,
J. C. NEWMYER, Wilkins.
A. B. YOUNG, Robinson.
A. C. HAYS, Pittsburgh (South Side).
B. C. CHRISTY, Sewickley.
HENRY GERWIG, Allegheny.

PROTHONOTARY,
B. P. KENNEDY, Pittsburgh.

COUNTY TREASURER,
Capt. SAMUEL KILGORE, Pittsburgh.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER,
AUGUSTUS BECKERT, Pittsburgh.

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WILLIAM MCCALLIN, Pittsburgh.

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THOMAS VARNER, Baldwin.

RESCUED FROM DEATH.

Two Brothers Faint While Down a Poisoned Well—Heroic Conduct of a Young Man Who Descends Into the Foul Air and Rescues Them.

SCRANTON, PA., August 17.—At a late hour last evening Bellevue, a suburb of Scranton, was thrown into a state of the most intense excitement, owing to the rumor that two brothers, named Kerrigan, were suffocating in an old well fifty feet deep, charged with foul air. A large crowd of persons congregated at the mouth of the well, some peering into its dark, deadly recesses, while the women ran to and fro, wailing and wringing their hands, exclaiming that the brothers had perished. It seems that Patrick, one of the brothers, descended to clean the well, and was overcome by the noxious gas and fainted away. His brother, Michael, almost by a preternatural insight, learned of his condition and hastened down to his assistance, when he, too, fainted from the effects of the foul gas. Some persons who saw him descend, not seeing him return as soon as expected, looked down the well, but no sound or sign of life came up, and immediately the news spread like fire on a parched prairie, until hundreds from the city flocked to the scene, yet no one volunteered to descend. Drs. Fisher and O'Brien, of Scranton, happened to pass at the time, and they cut down clothes lines, from which a cable was improvised strong enough to draw up two or three men.

At length a young man named Golding volunteered to go down and snatch, if possible, the perishing brothers from the jaws of death. His conduct drew forth a hearty cheer. The rope was firmly fixed under his arms, and he was provided with another to fix around one of the brothers Kerrigan. Slowly he was lowered, while the multitude were mute in breathless suspense. At length he was drawn to the surface, accompanied by Michael Kerrigan, around whom he succeeded in fastening the rope. Kerrigan was evidently lifeless. Golding, much exhausted, was lowered again. He adjusted the rope around Patrick, but in drawing him to the surface the noose slipped from his shoulders to his neck, and in this condition he was drawn to the top, when he presented all the symptoms of strangulation. His eyes were obtruding, his lips purple and the blood oozed from his mouth. Restoratives were promptly applied, and both brothers carried in an apparently lifeless condition to their homes, where they still lie in a critical state. The heroic conduct of Golding in descending the poisoned well and saving the brothers from an inevitable death by breathing the subtle and noxious atmosphere, is highly commended on all sides.

"Mamma is Dead."

The Virginia City (Nevada) *Enterprise*, in a recent issue, relates the following: "Mr. John W. Van Brocklin, of Twin Bridges, a few days distance away from this city, was helping to build a church at Sheridan, and was away from home with his wagon and team from Monday morning till Saturday night. He had been several weeks so occupied. He was therefore absent from his wife and two little children, the eldest five years old, all week, except Saturday nights and Sundays. Mrs. Van Brocklin and children enjoyed good health, and the husband and father had no fear for the safety of the birds in the home-nest. There were near neighbors, too. On Saturday evening the two children used to toddle a good distance along the road by which their father came, to meet him and get a ride home in the wagon. On a late Saturday Mr. Van Brocklin was returning home as usual, and the two little fellows had gone quite a distance to meet him. He stopped to take them in the wagon, and as he lifted them up he asked, 'How is mamma

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

TUESDAY EVENING, August 19, 1873.

General Spinner, the United States Treasurer, has lately written a letter to the editor of the *German-American Economist*, treating the subject of our national debt, the funding bill and a return to specie payments. In answer to the proposition to fund a thousand millions of the debt into bonds of a less rate of interest, fifty millions of which to be redeemed each year, he says that no one would want to be troubled with short bonds. Every seller would have a different time to run to maturity, and would consequently have a different price in the money markets of the world from the issuing to the final resumption of the stock there would be twenty different quotations on the stock list for bonds which to outsiders would seem to be one kind of security.

Of a resumption of specie payments, the Treasurer says that he still holds to the views expressed seven years ago, that the safest way to resume is to enact a law compelling a resumption of specie payments on some day in the future, to be fixed, say three years from the passage of the act. Under the operation of such a law the whole volume of our paper currency would immediately begin to appreciate to par in gold, and would continue to do so gradually and certainly until at the time fixed for resumption the paper would become the equivalent of coin.

It seems to us that this subject of resumption is very like the axiomatic truths of religion a theme on which we all theoretically agree, but practically consider it a good thing—for our neighbors—and to be reached "in the course of events." Certain it is, that no iron master wants to see a return of our currency to the specie standard, and as Iron is king in this part of the country, we think as does his majesty. The artificial tariff created by the gold premium is to-day 15 per cent, above the amount actually collected. Do away with the premium on gold and you reduce the tariff 9 per cent. more than Congress did last winter. Retain the legal and artificial tariff and our iron manufactures will so develope as to turn the current of our foreign trade, bringing gold to this country to pay for our products, and in its train will come of a necessity the resumption of specie payment.

—Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of governm entand State bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cooke & Co., their correspondents:

	Evening.
881	117½
862	117
865	116¾
865, new	116¼
867	116
868	115
10 40's	114½
new 5s	114¼
old	114¼
Currency 6s	122½
Tennessee, old	82¾
Tennessee, new	72
North Carolina, July	14½
North Carolina, old	27
North Carolina, new	15
Missouris	93½

—James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

old	115¼
United States 6s, 1881	119½
United States 5-20s, 1862	117
United States 5-20s, 1864	117
United States 5-20s, 1865	116¾
United States 10-40's	114½
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1868	116¼
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1867	116¼
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1868	113
Currency Funding	122½

—The demand for the new fifty cent fractional currency far exceeds the supply, but the Treasurer sees no chance of withdrawing as much of the old as circumstances will permit before supplying the newly printed note. On the left end of the new note is a well executed portrait of Samuel Dexter, secretary of the Treasury in 1801. On the upper and lower left hand corners are the figures "50" in white on fine lines. On the right end, in shaded machine work, are the words in white letters "fifty cents." To the left, in very small letters, are the words, "series of 1873." On the right of the center is the Treasury seal in bright green ink. Above it are the words "United States fractional currency." Below the seal are the figures 50 in diagonal lines, crossed by the black shaded letters "fifty cents." The signatures of the Register and Treasurer follow. The left end of the back is profusely marked with fine, resembling hair line scratches. The right end is comparatively free of fibre. On the upper and lower left corners, in the border, are the figures 50, each figure being of a different form. On the right third of the back are "50" in scroll work, and the dates of the acts authorizing the issue; and in the middle of the back is the usual indorsement. These notes were printed by the National Bank Note Company, of New York, on paper furnished by the government, and make an attractive appearance.

—The following table shows the prices o allway stocks, gold, &c., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day, furnished by George I. Whitney Esq., broker and dealer in stocks, bonds and gold, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street:

August 19, 1873.	10:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12 M.	1 P.M.	2 P.M.	3 P.M.	3:30 P.M.
Gold	115¼	115⅜	115⅜	115⅜	115⅜	115⅜	115⅜
Western Union Teleg'ph	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜
Pacific Mail	40½	41	41¾	41⅝	41⅝	----	40⅞
Quicksilver	----	29¼	----	29¼	29¼	----	----
Atlantic & Pacific	----	92¼	----	92	----	----	----
Wells Fargo Express	----	62	----	62	----	----	----
American Express	----	62	----	62¼	----	----	----
United States Express	----	104	----	104½	----	----	104½
New York Central	93½	93¾	93¾	93¾	----	----	93¾
Erie	20¾	21	20¾	20¾	----	----	20¾
Reading	----	97	----	97	----	----	97
Michigan Southern	----	93½	----	93½	93½	----	93½
Illinois Central	----	130	----	----	130½	----	130½
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	----	84½	----	84½	----	----	84½
Chicago and Rock Island	----	94¾	----	94¾	----	----	94¾
Chicago and N. W. pref.	----	82½	----	82½	----	----	82½
Chicago and N. W.	69¾	69¾	----	69¾	70	----	69¾
Rock Island	----	103½	----	103½	----	----	103½
St. Paul	----	31¾	----	31¾	31¾	----	31¾
St. Paul, pref	----	67	----	67	----	----	----
Wabash	----	69¾	70¾	69¾	----	----	69¾
Fort Wayne	----	93½	----	93½	----	----	93½
Ohio and Mississippi	38¾	38¾	37¾	38¾	----	----	38¾
Union Pacific	----	37	37¾	37¾	----	----	----
Chicago and Alton	----	109	----	109	----	----	----
Boston, Hart. and Erie	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Harlem	----	131½	----	131½	----	----	----
C. C. and I. C.	----	90	----	----	----	----	----
H. and St. Jo	----	38½	----	----	----	----	----

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—Messrs. Robinson Bros., bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnishes the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

Penna. Central	54¾	Phila. and Erie	24½
Reading	55¾	Pittsburgh 58	72
United Cos.	103	N. Y. R. R. 7 30s	93
Oil Creek	25	Central Trans	43½
Lehigh Valley	61	Empire Trans	56

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, August 19, 1873.

REMARKS—The weather continues all that could be wished, and the markets wear a brighter aspect. Prices, however, are in a general rule unchanged, with a fair trade reported in all leading branches of commerce. The only changes worthy of note are in perishable articles, which are governed by demand, supply and quality of the goods on sale. We may add that the market for both fruit and vegetables is fully supplied, and that the prices ruling are moderate.

The following are the receipts of the leading articles of produce by rail and river, since our last:

Flour, bbls	2,613	Apples, barrels	215
Cheese, tubs	105	Wheat, sacks	364
Rye, sacks	205	Oats, sacks	3,396
Butter, packages	23	Bacon, pieces	1,815
Bacon, tierces	128	Potatoes, bushels	1,630

We omit our usual extended quotations.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, August 19, 1873.

Cattle.

The receipts of cattle for both through and way stock are not so heavy as for the same time last week. The quality of the offerings is generally common. There is very little doing in the way of trade, excepting the sale of a few lots of common stock to country dealers. Philadelphia men are here and having a bad market yesterday are talking for lower rates. Whether they will succeed in getting prices down depends on the run. In the absence of sales we are without quotations of good cattle. Common stuff selling from $3 50 to $4 50. Bulls $2 25 to $2 75.

Hogs.

The run of hogs was moderate and about sufficient to meet the demand. The market is steady and firm, with most inquiry for light stock. The quality of the offerings was fair.

PRICES.

Extra Philadelphia, $5 40; prime Philadelphia, $5 25 to $5 35; prime light hogs, $5 30.

Sheep.

The run of sheep was fair, and a good many stockers were among the offerings. The demand is not quite so good as it was for stock sheep, the trade being about supplied. Prices are about the same as ruled last week.

Extra, 100 lbs, fine wool, $5 40 to $5 60; prime 90 to 95 lbs, fine wool, $5 10 to $5 35; prime 80 to 85 lbs, fine wool, $4 75 to $5.

The Hop Crop.

The following statistics in regard to the hog crop were compiled by a gentleman of Chicago from the agricultural report, just issued, and will be found of general benefit to the trade:

Table showing the estimated total number and total value and the average price of hogs in January, 1873:

	Number.	Av. Price.	Value.
Maine	62,000	$ 10 90	$622,480
New Hampshire	4,200	11 75	493,500
Vermont	58,200	9 56	556,392
Massachusetts	80,560	13 47	1,084,935
Rhode Island	15,100	12 60	217,200
Connecticut	46,700	13 13	585,355
New York	671,700	8 31	5,581,827
New Jersey	264,200	9 25	2,443,850
Pennsylvania	1,088,900	8-12	8,811,868
Delaware	47,300	8 75	271,975
Maryland	264,200	9 59	1,264,464
Virginia	318,800	3 67	3,001,262
North Carolina	848,300	3 08	2,614,364
South Carolina	332,600	4 66	1,549,916
Georgia	1,209,400	3 39	4,676,200
Florida	181,600	2 70	490,320
Alabama	961,900	3 10	2,980,050
Mississippi	900,400	2 98	2,650,392
Louisiana	290,800	5 93	1,142,844
Texas	1,450,200	2 90	4,205,580
Arkansas	1,067,300	2 53	2,752,634
Tennessee	1,766,000	3 38	5,936,508
West Virginia	561,600	3 58	1,355,128
Kentucky	2,113,700	3 19	6,742,703
Ohio	4,222,000	4 57	19,131,540
Michigan	542,900	4 52	2,456,620
Indiana	2,715,900	6 60	9,797,172
Illinois	3,706,300	4 20	15,937,090
Wisconsin	625,400	4 57	3,044,728
Minnesota	240,600	5 03	1,054,020
Iowa	3,847,700	4 47	17,199,319
Missouri	1,655,500	3 49	6,175,600
Kansas	457,200	5 30	2,423,160
Nebraska	121,800	5 51	668,953
California	427,300	6 11	2,610,503
Oregon	163,100	4 16	678,496
Nevada	4,700	7 09	33,623
The Territories	97,000	7 75	751,750
	32,632,050		$133,729,615
Grand average price		$4 09	

Hop Prospects.

The Cooperstown (N. Y.) *Journal* says: The weather for the past few days has been more favorable, and there is less danger to the hop crop from blight and vermin. The prospects are that the crop in this State will be less than it was last year, and not of the uniform good quality. In Wisconsin it will not exceed two-thirds that of 1872.

From a comparison of the information that reaches us from all sources—after making due allowance for increased acreage—the conclusion that probable yield in the United States as likely to fall at least 20,000 bales below that of last year.

A letter dated Nunda Station, Livingston county, says:

The prospect this way is very slim. I have visited and heard from nearly all the yards in this town, and with the exception of one small lot we will get none above a two-thirds yield of last year, and many of them not half a crop. Quite a heavy sprinkling of vermin in most yards, and a little louse deer. My own yard of four acres gave a yield of 1,150 pounds per acre last year and will give some 700 or 800 this year. I have visited a neighbor's yard that is entirely destroyed with a small green worm, something like the currant worm. He has lost a yard of 1,700 hills; there is not 100 pounds in the yard.

We clip the following from the London *Brewer's Journal*:

"In the market the present year's growth is estimated at 260,000 pounds. According to our observations we do not think the crop will reach this amount, unless there is a marvelous improvement in the present prospects, which are not favorable. But in the event of the estimate of 260,000 pounds turning out correct, that will be sufficient for our consumption, and with a large stock in the hands of the brewers of the United Kingdom, and also a stock of home and foreign growths unsold of at least 100,000 pounds more, we cannot imagine circumstances to do otherwise than advise our friends to act with great caution in their purchases until the actual result of the growing crop is really known."

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, August 19.—Cattle—Receipts to-day, including reported arrivals, 2,431 head; total for the week, 4,200 head. Market is active and owners asking last week's closing prices for good cattle. Common stock a shade off; Texans $@— Receipts generally are of inferior grade. Only 800 head disposed of. Sales 271 Texas steers, 1,082 at 2 75; $3 90; 1 at 4 65; 33 Illinois steers, 1,494 lbs, $4 25; 157 Missouri steers, 1,160 at 3 90; 28 at 3 75; 19 Indiana steers, 1,124 at private terms; 21 Cherokee steers, 900 lbs, $3 00; 39 Michigan steers, 974 at 1,050 lbs, $4 25 to 50. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts to-day, 1,600 head; total for the week, 2,500 head. Market not fairly opened yet and prices have a downward tendency. Hogs—Receipts to-day, 300 head, total for the week, 11,300 head. Market a shade stronger. Good Yorkers, $5 25@5 30; choice common mixed, $5 20; heavy lumber for Boston market, $5 00@5 10; common grassers, $4 50@5 00.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, August 19.—Trade movement was fairly active in all staples, and break in some. Bleached shirtings in spirited demand and many popular makes wanted. Brown sheeting active and firm. Corset jeans better request. Full fold cantorics quick at 7c. Low grade cotton flannels are closely sold up. Prints and worsted dress goods are selling freely. Shawls are doing well. Woolen goods, except flannels and blankets, less active. Foreign goods rather better.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, August 19.—Sugar firm: treble 8s 7 7-8; family $8 50@9 50. Corn quiet: yellow mixed 67c; yellow and white 70c. Oats 45@46c. Bran 80@85c. Hay steady and firm; prime, $24; choice $25. Pork—Stock small and firm; old $17; new $18. Dry salt meats—Shoulders 9c. Bacon scarce and firm at 9¾@11¾@12c. Hams dull and lower at 12@15c. Lard scarce; tierces 9c; keg 10¾@11c. Sugar scarce and in good demand; good common, 7¾@8c. Molasses—No movement. Whisky scarce; Louisiana 90c; Cincinnati $1 02¾. Coffee quiet and unchanged.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, August 19.—Bagging, cotton and burlap unchanged. Flour firm at $5 50@6 70. Corn firmer at 56@62c. Oats steady at 42@44c. Hay steady at $26. Pork firmer at $16 50@17 00. Bacon firm at 9¾@9¾@11¾@c. Lard steady at 8¾@10c. Whisky quiet but firm at 95c.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, August 19.—Cotton dull at 18¾@. Flour active at $6 30@7 00. Wheat firm at $2@2 30. Corn firm at 45@46c. Rye firm at 76c. Mess pork dull; lard quiet and unchanged. Provisions firm. Pork held at $16 75. Lard firmer at 9¾@. Bulk meats quiet at 8¾@9@9¾@c. Whisky firm at 95c.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, August 19.—Flour dull; superfine, $5 50@5 90. Wheat quiet; red, $1 50@1 65. Rye steady at 80@90c. Corn active, yellow, 60@61c. Oats dull at 45@47c. Crude petroleum 11c; refined, 16c. Whisky steady and in moderate demand at $1.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, August 19.—Moderate demand fair and market firm. Wheat dull and declined 2@3c; No 2 red $1 41; No 3, $1 37; rejected $1 17. Corn dull; white 43@44c. Oats firmer; No 2, 31¾@; rejected 28c.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, August 19.—Flour firm at $5 70@6 80. Wheat steady. No 1 Milwaukee at 89¾@; No 3, $1 27. Oats steady: No 1, 33c. Corn dull and declined to 39c. Rye active; No 1, 68@c. Barley dull: No 2, 86c.

Nashville Market.

NASHVILLE, August 19.—Cotton quiet at 14¾@15c. Wheat firm at $1 35@1 50. Corn dull at 45@50c. Oats quiet at 40@45c. Hay firm and Bacon steady at 10¾@11¾@11½c. Whisky steady at $1.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, August 19.—Wheat firm: No 1 red $1 41; No 2 nom at $1 41. Corn unchanged at 49¾ 50c. Oats steady at 36c. Petroleum dull and lower.

Oswego Market.

OSWEGO, N. Y., August 19.—Wheat dull and prices are nominal; No 1 Milwaukee, $1 52.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. A., PITTSBURGH, August 19, 1873.

Daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the twenty-four hours ending 3 P. M.

STATIONS.	ABOVE LOW WM.	CHANGE.	DIRECT'N OF WIND.	STATE OF WEATHER.
	Ft's.	In.		
Cairo	11	-0	N. E.	Clear.
Cincinnati	1	10	N.	Clear.
Davenport	2	9	W.	Fair.
Fort Benton	4	-1	S. W.	Fair.
Keokuk	2	2	S. W.	Fair.
Leavenworth	3	7	S. W.	Clear.
LaCrosse	2	2	N. W.	Fair.
Louisville	3	11	N.	Clear.
Memphis	8	6	N.	Cloudy.
Nashville	3	0	Calm.	Fair.
New Orleans	12	-1	N. W.	Clear.
Omaha	1	6	S.	Fair.
Pittsburgh	8	0	N. W.	Fair.
Shreveport	11	-1	N.	Cloudy.
St. Louis	10	6	N. E.	Fair.
St. Paul	4	7	S.	Fair.
Vicksburg	13	4	N. W.	Fair.
Yankton	7	9	S. W.	Fair.

JAMES B. MURRAY,
Observer Signal Service, U. S. A.

Wheeling, W. Va.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, August 19, 1873.

River eight feet three inches and falling slowly. Departed—Courier, for Parkersburg, 10:30 A. M.; Ashland, for Cincinnati, 5 P. M. Weather cloudy and pleasant.

Brownsville, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., August 19, 1873.

River on a stand with four and a half feet of water in the channel. Weather cloudy; thermometer seventy-six at 6 P. M.

Greensboro, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

GREENSBORO, Pa., August 19, 1873.

River stationary, with eighteen inches of water in the channel. Weather cloudy at 6 P. M.

For Latest River Dispatches see Fourth Page.

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PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, August 20, 1873.

REMARKS—The market could not be called an active one. Prices remain as last quoted. In this market there is scarcely anything doing, the asking rates for crude being 3¼@4c. At Parkers we are noted sales of 2,000 barrels at $1 25. The market is reported steady at that figure. For prices in the oil regions see dispatches.

REFINED.

We have nothing new to note as relates to this article. The nominal rates are for Western shipments 12@13¢c: Eastern 12½@13c per gallon; New York 16¢@16¾c; Philadelphia 16c.

OIL BARRELS.

The market was a firm one, with sales; City $2 25@2 30; country $2 18@2 20.

[By Western Union Telegraph Line.]

TITUSVILLE, August 19.—The *Courier* says: The market was very quiet, opening in the morning at $1 20 on the upper road, but rallied during the day, closing at about $1 25, although there is very little doing. At Oil City there was nothing doing; holding at $1 25. At Parker's there were sales at $1 22½@1 25, with more buyers than sellers; closed dull. Sales:

500 bbls upper road, spot	$1 20
500 bbls upper road, spot	1 22½
1,000 bbls upper road, spot	1 25
500 bbls upper road, spot	1 25
500 bbls upper road, spot	1 22½
500 bbls upper road, spot	1 20
1,000 bbls Parker's, spot	1 25

NEW YORK, August 19.—Closing August 18.—The general market is rather quiet, with prices barely settled. Crude in bulk 6¾c; refined 16¾@16¾c; cases 21c. The sales embrace 500 bbls crude in bulk, deliverable during the last two months of this year, at 6¾c; 30,000 cases, September delivery, on private terms. Philadelphia delivery—Prices unsettled; moderately active demand. The sales embrace 10,000 bbls refined, for November and December, at 16¼c. Short delivery nominally at 16½c.

OIL CITY, August 19.—Market dull at $1 25 ‡

PARKER'S, August 19.—Market quiet and a little firmer; held at $1 10.

PETROLEUM CENTER, August 19.—Market a trifle firmer at $1 20.

TITUSVILLE, August 19.—Market quiet and dull and nominal at about $1 20.

PARKER'S, August 19.—Crude $1 25 and quiet.

PHILADELPHIA, August 19.—Market quiet; S. W., 16c; crude, 6c; cases 21c; futures 16c.

[By Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Line.]

TITUSVILLE, August 19.—The market was very quiet, opening in the morning at $1 20 on upper road, and closing at about $1 25. There is very little doing. Sales 500 bbls spot at $1 20.

TIDIOUTE, August 19.—The market had a little better feeling this morning; $1 16 bid.

PARKER'S, August 19.—3,000 bbls spot sold at $1 25. The market closed dull.

OIL CITY, August 19.—Market weak and dull at $1 25.

Crude Oil Received by Allegheny Valley R. R

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
H McKelvey	Vesta O W	1,240
Fisher Bros	Warner Bros	154
Jos Bushnell	Standard O W	157
Jos Duncan	Standard O W	294
Fisher Bros	Riverside O W	154
Jos Bushnell	Nonpareil O W	244
Jos Bushnell	Model O W	292
Fisher Bros	Dodson & B	292
Jack & Mc	Citizens O W	466
Jos Bushnell	Crystal O W	74
Jos Bushnell, B & Co	Brilliant O W	80
B S Duncan	American O W	238

Crude Oil Received by Rail and River.

Vesta O W	240	Waring Bros
Standard O W	545	Riverside O W
Nonpareil O W	244	Model O W
Dodson & B	382	Brilliant O W
Citizens O W	465	American O W
Crystal O W	74	
Total	4,192	

Refined Oil Shipped East by the A. V. R. R., W. P. R. and P. R. R.

WEST PENN JUNCTION, August 18, 1873.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Citizens' Ref Co	W P Logan, Phila	508
Central Ref Co	Jno P Logan, Phila	506
Wormser, M & Co	Waring Bros & Co, Phila	50
Irwin & Wagner	Waring Bros & Co, Phila	250
Vesta O W	Waring Bros & Co, Phila	509
H S A Stewart	Waring Bros & Co, Phila	53
Irwin & Co	Waring Bros & Co, Phila	516
P Weisenberger	Warden, F & Co, Phila	150
Livingston Bros	Warden, F & Co, Phila	109
Total		3,485

Refined Oil Shipped East by West Penn R. R.

ALLEGHENY CITY, August 18, 1873.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
E J Waring & Co	Waring, Bros & Co, Phila	930
Elkins, Bly & Co	Waring, Bros & Co, Phila	300
Total		1,230

New York Finance and Trade

Gold Closed at 115⅜.

NEW YORK, August 19, 1873—4 P. M.

MONEY.

Money easy during the morning changing hands at 3@4 per cent., but shortly after two o'clock the rate advanced to 7 per cent., closing at 6. It is probable that the flurry is due to the gold clique.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling heavy and lower at 107¾@108 for sixty days, and 108¾ for sight.

GOLD.

Gold steady at 115¾@115⅞, closing at 115¾. Loans were from 2 to 4 per cent. for carrying. Clearings $80,000,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $48,000. The Assistant Treasurer here received yesterday from the San Francisco Sub-Treasury $2,000,000 gold transfer, that amount having been made. Customs receipts to-day $426,000. Exports of produce for the week ending to-day $5,268,190. Total exports since January 1st $118,527,124.

GOVERNMENTS.

Governments dull and firm.

U. S. coup, '81	119½	5-20s, '67	119
5-20s, '62	117	5-20s, '68	118
5-20s, '64	117	10-40s	115¾
5-20s, '65	117¾	Currency 6s	124½
New 5-20s '65	117¾	Currency 6s	113½

STATE BONDS.

State bonds dull, with Missouris and Tennessees very firm.

Missouri	92½	Virginia, old	42½
Tennessee, old	82	Virginia, new	42½
Tennessee, new	82	N. Carolina, new	16
Virginia, new	90		

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Stocks, after a brief weakness at the opening, showed some strength and an improvement in prices followed, ranging from ¼ to 1¾ per cent., and the market continued strong until about one o'clock, after which the market relapsed, closing with sales of Panama down to 11 3-12 and Pacific Mail 40½. The dullness in these shares and the activity in money occasioned a liberal pressure to sell the entire list, which closed weak at the lowest prices of the day. The chief fluctuations were as follows: Pacific Mail 40¾a 40½@41@40¾@41; Western Union 90¼@90⅜@90¼@90⅜; New York Central 93⅝@93¾@93¾@93¾; New York Central scrip 93¾@93¾@93¾@93¾; Wabash 70 @69¾@69¾; the remainder of the list dull. The Panama Directors met to-day, but dispersed without taking any action in regard to a loan. The Pacific Mail Company. Another meeting is appointed for Wednesday of next week.

Canton	99¼	St. Paul preferred	71¼
W. U. Tel. Co	89½	Toledo & Wabash	68¾
Quicksilver	29¼	Pref. preferred	50
Adams Express	92¾	Fort Wayne	93¾
Wells, Fargo & Co	73¾	Terre Haute	20
American Ex. Co	62	Preferred	35
U. S. Express Co	66	Chicago & Alton	109
Pacific Mail	40½	Chicago & Alton, pref	130
N. Y. Central	104¾	Ohio & Mississippi	38¾
Erie	20¾	C. C. & I. C.	84
Do preferred	41½	Cleveland & Ohio	102
Harlem	131½	Lake Shore	93
Reading	97	Michigan Central	93¾
Michigan Central	92¾	Illinois Central	130½
R., Pt. W. & C	87½	Union Pacific	37
Northwestern	82½	Northwestern pref	102¾
Do preferred	82	Union	81¾
Rock Island	94¾	Panama	111
New Jersey Central	102¾	Hartford & Erie	24¾
St. Paul	31¾	Bankers' Bills	109

New York Market.

NEW YORK, August 19.—Receipts of flour, mild; selling upland 20¼@—; Mobile —@—. Flour steady; white wheat extra $7 25@8 25; extra Ohio $6 40@7 90; St. Louis $6 20@8 75. Wheat steady at @1 50 for former; No 2 Duluth $1 57; No 2 Milwaukee $1 56. Rye firm at 99c. Barley and malt dull. Corn dull and unchanged. Barley active; mixed western 42½@43c; white 48@51c. Coffee quiet at 20@21½c. Sugar higher at 8¾@8¾c. Hay, hops and molasses dull. Rice firm at 8¾@9¾c. Crude petroleum 6¼@6¾c; refined 17¼@17¾c. Pork quiet at $16. Lard quiet and unchanged at 9¾@9¾c. Beef steady and unchanged. Cut meats quiet. Middles quiet and held at 9c. Butter quiet at 16@23c. Cheese steady at 12 @13c.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

Date of Departure from New York.

Scotia	August 20	Liverpool.
Trinacria	August 20	Glasgow.
Pembroke	August 20	Cardiff.
Idaho	August 20	Liverpool.
Hamburg	August 21	Hamburg.
Abyssinia	August 23	Liverpool.
Oceanic	August 23	Liverpool.
Peruvian	August 23	France.
California	August 25	Glasgow.
Egypt	August 25	Liverpool.
Algeria	August 27	Liverpool.
Caledonia	August 27	Glasgow.
Arragon	August 27	Bristol.
Minnesota	August 27	Liverpool.
Hoboken	August 28	Hamburg.
Batavia	August 30	Liverpool.
India	August 30	Glasgow.
Washington	August 30	Havre.

RIVER NEWS.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived.

E. Bennett	Carmack	Geneva.	
Hector	R. B. Abrams	Geneva.	
Elizabeth	Houghton	Elizabeth.	

Departed.

Geneva	Phillips	Geneva.
E. Bennett	Carmack	Geneva.
Elizabeth	Houghton	Elizabeth.
West Virginia	Donaldson	Geneva.

MONONGAHELA—Eight feet and rising.

Boats Depaging this Day.

Cincinnati	Junieta	Brennan, 4 P. M.
St. Louis	Fearless	Bickerstaff, 12 M.

THE marks last evening indicated eight feet water and rising. The weather was very pleasant. Trade on the landing is improving.

PARKER'S dispatches call for thirty-six inches.

THE Monongahela was rising slowly at Brownsville.

ONE item of the Exchange freight was 85 tons pig metal.

THERE was thirty-six inches water at Oil City yesterday.

THE Missouri river is falling quite rapidly at Leavenworth.

FOXBURG dispatches reported thirty-eight inches water and rising.

FREIGHT in the government warehouse at Yankton is almost cleared out. The Key West is there awaiting a trip.

THE steamer West Virginia will arrive to-night, and will leg departure for Geneva at 7 A. M. tomorrow.

THE hull of the Commercial has come off the docks at Evansville, and goes to Kanawha to be used as a barge.

CAPT. DAN. W. MARATTA'S inquiring friends are informed that he is Captain of the Mollie Moore, up the Missouri river.

THE Mollie Ebert will be put in complete repair at Cincinnati for the fall trade. She will run as a regular packet between this place and St. Louis.

RICHARD DENSON, of Memphis, and J. Dugan, of the T. P. Eckert, talk of starting a sheep ranch in Colorado. They like the country and think there is money in sheep.

WE are indebted to our friend Vandergrift, of the steamer Exchange, for a handful of thanks. The Exchange is announced for a return trip to Cincinnati on Friday.

TWENTY men in a flatboat are surveying the Osage for the government. That stream will be improved, and will form a good stream for the Moonstone or Hilbing to navigate.

CAPT. JUD WEST, late of the City of Quincy, has purchased of Capt. Henry Lowry, a quarter interest in the towboat H. A. Blabaugh on private terms, and will take command.

THE contract for the Illinois river improvement has been let to W. Johnson & Co., of Pooria, N. Y., for $3,450. This is the same firm which built the dyke across Alton Slough.

CAPT. E. T. STURGEON, who commaneed the great steamer Eclipse between New Orleans and Louisville from 1851 to 1854, is with his family at rusticating at Rock Castle Springs, Ky.

THE New Orleans *Republican* of Thursday says: "The steamboat Fontenoste was sold yesterday by United States Marshal Stockton for the sum of $5,010 to Wm. J. Kountz, of Allegheny City, Pa."

CAPT. JAMES H. MARATTA is in Cincinnati. He would like to get a good boat, steamboat, less than 250 feet long, for Trinity river trade. As he has assurance of a contract to carry the mails.

ST. LOUIS.—At a late meeting of the Eagle Packet Company for the election of officers, Capt. J. H. Williams was chosen President; G. W. Hill Secretary and Treasurer, and Henry Leyh

CITY MATTERS.

PATRONS of the COMMERCIAL leaving the city for the summer months, can have the paper mailed regularly to them by leaving word at the counting room.

Music in the Schools.

In our report, published yesterday, of the schedule for the teaching of music in the public schools, the Mt. Albion district was omitted. Prof. Darling will teach in these schools on Wednesday.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

About half-past five o'clock last evening, a fatal accident occurred at Standard Station, near the Sharpsburg bridge, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad. Thomas Hagan was knocked down by a train and run over, his head being almost severed from his body. Deceased was about fifty years of age, and resided in the neighborhood where the accident occurred. He leaves a family. An inquest will be held by the Coroner to-day.

Fall of Soho Bridge.

About six o'clock last evening a part of Soho bridge on the north side fell down, carrying with it the main water pipe supplying the east end. Superintendent Atkinson happened to be in the neighborhood at the time and he promptly took measures to have the break repaired. A gang of workmen were engaged during the night, and it is hoped that the East Enders will not be without their supply longer than ten o'clock this morning.

Presentation.

The Johnstown *Tribune* of Monday contains the following: "The employees of the Pittsburgh Extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad to day presented Mr. Artemus Pitcairn, late Paymaster on said division, with a fine gold watch, valued at $225. Mr. P. has resigned his position, and removed to the appointment as chief clerk to the Superintendent of the Pan Handle Road, and the employees who have admired his style of conducting matters connected with his recent office, desire to thus testify their appreciation of his many fine qualities."

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

U. S. District Court—Judge McCandless.

In the matter of William Watson, bankrupt, in whose case a petition for a discharge, some of the proceedings were presented, the matter was referred to Register Woodruff, for a certificate that all the creditors have assented to the discontinuance.

In the matter of the Second National bank, of Titusville, Pa., vs. Doty McMullin, of Crawford county, a jury trial for the next term at Erie was ordered.

Thomas M. Carroll, of Cooltersville, was adjudged bankrupt, on the petition of Joseph Borland, of Allegheny City, and the matter referred to Register Scaife.

Proceedings in the case of Roberts & Co., vs. The Titusville Chemical Works, were discontinued, each party to pay his own costs.

In the matter of E. Kosse, Perry & Company, bankrupts, application for an injunction in behalf of Roberts & Company, petitioning creditors, was made, and a hearing of the matter set down for next proximo, and in the meantime restraining E. T. Arrowsmith from performing the act sought to be enjoined.

In the matter of Joseph Hacke, bankrupt, the assignee's report of the sale of certain real estate was presented and confirmed, and the assignee directed to make, execute and deliver deeds to the respective purchasers when the terms of sale are complied with.

In the matter of F. M. Alexander, of Clearfield, bankrupt, a petition for an alias attachment was filed, and on motion of Mr. Adams a rule was granted on D. Orr Alexander, M. Alexander and John Clifford to appear and show cause why an attachment for contempt should not issue, returnable on the 26th inst.

IN ADMIRALTY.

In the case of James Bevington et al. vs. the steamer Charlie McDonald, on motion of John Barton, Esq., leave was granted to withdraw the exceptions filed by him, and the report of the commissioner was confirmed absolutely, except as to the surplus fund remaining after payment of lien claims, which sum is to remain in the Registry of Court subject to the further order of the Court.

In the case of William H. Brown vs. the steamboat Grand Lake, on libel of John Barron, Esq., the Court appointed Thomas Wightman, Esq., Commissioner to take testimony in the case.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

The interim between the closing of the season of 1872-73 and the opening of that of 1873-74, at the Pittsburgh Opera House, has been grandly improved by the lessees and managers, Messrs. Ellsler and Gotthold. Artisans have been constantly employed since the fall of the curtain on the last performance, and the result of their work will surprise the habitues of our only first-class theater. The walls of the auditorium were, last season, dismal in color, and not calculated to please the eye. Mr. Michel, an artist in no mean abilities, has frescoed them beautifully, and the result is such that the eye of the most critical can find very little to condemn. The sag of the gas-fitter has also been called in, and new lights almost numberless have been added. Over each of the lower private boxes eighteen new lights have been added, suspended in front of which are printe marble glass pendents, which enhance not but greatly to the beauty of the general effect. The seats have all been newly upholstered in rich Utica iron frame, painted tastefully. The lobbies and main entrance are also undergoing improvements, and when completed will be surpassed in no theater in the country.

The regular season will commence on the 8th of September. We are assured that the stock company will be made up of the best material available in the country; while the finest "stars" actors and actresses, including Miss Neilson, Clara Morris, Jefferson, and others will follow in rapid succession.

On Saturday evening next the Opera House stage will be occupied by the Wallace Sisters and comedy company, who will remain through the following week. Then comes Buffalo Bill, Texas Jack, Ned Buntline and their aggregation of scalp-raisers.

American Theater.

An apology is due Manager Aims, in view of the fact that no notice has yet been taken in these columns of the really excellent variety performance he has been giving since Saturday night in his comedy and comfortable theater. His company is one of the best ever gathered on any stage in this city, and all work together most harmoniously for the amusement of the public. And it may be put down to the credit of the public aforesaid that they seem to appreciate the efforts of Mr. Aims, as they filled all the seats of the American since the opening night.

Harry Macarthy, with his wife, could interest an audience for an entire evening; and the great regret is that they do not appear oftener on the programme. Harry has the Irish and the English dialects to perfection, and his wife is a very clever ballad singer: Frank Christy dances as well or better than of old; Ben Hayes is very funny in his stump speech; while the other members of the company are not far behind in merit. A new programme will be furnished to-night. There will be a matinee this afternoon.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.

This favorite resort has reopened, having been thoroughly renovated, refitted and ornamented, and is now as comfortable a place in which to spend an evening as exists in the country. The managers—Messrs. Gardner & Trimble—have collected a company combining the best talent in every branch of the variety line. It embraces Messrs. Morrissey and Emerson, McVeigh and Sulker, *Dirk Darker*, Watty Morgan, *Smith and Morgan*, Miss Kate Montrose, Miss Lucy Clifton and Mrs. Whitehead. Mr. Harry Williams, the indefatigable stage manager, is still at his post, prepared for every emergency. The company have thus far drawn full houses, and not one of the throng went away dissatisfied. There will be a matinee this afternoon, and a rousing bill to-night.

THE PEST HOUSE.

Another Meeting in Opposition.

Another meeting of those opposed to the location of the proposed pest house in the Thirteenth ward was held last evening. Esq. Chairman, and C. P. Duff, Secretary, officiated.

Dr. Thorn, Chairman of the Committee on Remonstrance, being called upon, reported that 1,018 names had been secured. In presenting the report the doctor took occasion to say that no pest house is needed, and it would be useless to expend so large an amount of money as is talked of. He spoke of the supposed cases of cholera on the Island, which, by the way, he did not consider the cholera of all—and said that if it was necessary to burn these houses in which the victims had died, it would also be necessary to burn the pest house when a death from cholera occurred there.

At the conclusion of the Doctor's remarks the remonstrance was circulated through the crowd and two hundred and eleven additional names obtained.

Speeches were then made by Messrs. Duff and Jones, both of whom warmly opposed the building of a hospital at all, and particularly objected to its being located in the Thirteenth ward. Mr. Duff thought that the expenditure of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which would be necessary in order to establish the hospital, was by no means demanded or needed, and that such an expenditure would be but a waste of money. He was satisfied that the scheme was gotten up entirely in the interest of the few who would be benefited by it, and not on account of any desire to promote the public welfare.

At the close of the speeches a motion was made and carried to appoint a committee of five to present the matter to Councils at their next meeting.

The chair appointed as such committee Dr. J. S. Thorn and Messrs. Wills Booth, Robert Arthurs, C. Hanson Love and H. J. Brunot, Jr.

The meeting then adjourned, and will await the action of Councils. Another meeting will be held at the same place soon after the next session of Councils.

NOT POISONED.

The Death of John K. Wood—Coroner's Inquest—Inflammation of the Stomach Caused by Mixture of Drinks and Medicines.

We yesterday reported the death of Mr. John K. Wood, of Allegheny city, which occurred under such circumstances, and with symptoms as led physicians to believe that deceased had taken some poisonous substance. The Coroner held the inquest yesterday, when testimony was elicited as follows:

Mrs. Mary A. Wood, wife of the deceased, was sworn, and testified that her husband was forty-one years of age, a native of England and a carpenter by trade. He had been troubled with a pain in the stomach but complained a week ago Wednesday last. On that evening, when he became worse, and about seven or eight o'clock started to procure some medicine. He obtained some calomel at a drug store and proceeded thence to the Columbia engine house, where he met a man named Renzlehausen, and told him of his illness. Renzlehausen has a preparation which he styles Triumph Liniment, and which he has administered frequently to persons with good result. He volunteered to relieve his pain and gave Wood two doses of liniment, one internal and one external, the former consisting of about a teaspoonful. Mrs. Wood testified that her husband also took a dose of calomel after each dose of liniment.

Renzlehausen testified that he gave the deceased one teaspoonful of Triumph Liniment internally.

Dr. Thomas Mahon testified that late on Saturday night he was called up a son of deceased, and visiting the patient, found him suffering from a severe cramp in the stomach. He prescribed medicine, the principal ingredient of which was morphine. The doctor called at the house about daylight Sabbath morning. The man was still suffering from a very severe pain in the stomach, evidences of extreme pain and extreme prostration. "I'll tell you the whole matter," said he to the doctor, and he then proceeded to state that he had taken a drink of beer and two drinks of whisky the night before, thinking it would ease his pain. In addition to these he had purchased at the drug store a powder containing ten grains calomel and a drachm of jalap, which he swallowed. Not feeling altogether right, on meeting Renzlehausen at the engine house, he took a teaspoonful of Triumph liniment. The doctor then pronounced his case one of inflammation of the stomach, and thought he would not recover. In the afternoon he called in case Shah one of inflammation of the stomach.

Neither of the physicians was of the opinion that man had been poisoned, but that the combination of substances which he had taken was the immediate cause of death.

Dr. Buchanan testified that he had made a partial examination of the liniment, and found that it contained ammonia, camphor, alcohol and other common ingredients of such compounds, and no one article that is not in general use among physicians, nay he could not say that it contained poison. He had no doubt that it irritated the stomach, it being in an inflamed condition, as was the whisky. In answer to a question asked by the Coroner, the doctor stated that none of the coating of the stomach had been thrown up, but a considerable quantity of mucous had discharged.

It seems that Mr. Wood has for some time past been subject to attacks of cholic, and that he has been in the habit of prescribing for himself calomel, and the effect not being favorable in the last case he resorted to other means as stated. The jury returned the verdict that John K. Wood came to his death August 17, A. D. 1873, from inflammation of the stomach.

Mayor's Office Investigation.

The Jeremy Committee in Session.

Alleged Offer of Compromise by a Detective.

The Story of the German's Gold

Important Testimony—Statement by the Mayor—Erasures in the Clothing Book.

The sub-committee of the Police Committee, appointed to investigate matters relative to the conduct of the Mayor's office, held a meeting last evening, a full attendance of members being present, Messrs. Jeremy (chairman), Harris and Chalmers. The meeting was a harmonious one, and although but few witnesses were examined, some interesting and important testimony was elicited.

At Mr. Jeremy's request, Maj. Harper, chief clerk, acted as secretary, and took down the testimony, the witnesses being sworn by Major Blackmore.

A DETECTIVE ASSAILED.

Thomas McAuliff, being sworn, testified: Had a conversation with a police officer regarding a son of his who got into trouble; he was charged with the larceny of a watch valued at $35; don't like to expose my name again, though truth is mightier and must prevail; it was with Pat. Pender; he said I was too stingy with my money; I said my boy was not guilty of it and I would pay no money; that I would show before the Court that my son was guilty of it, and he, you are a d—d rascal; I said how can you do it by compounding a felony; what is that more. I then left. Pender and their detective, Wm. Anderson, were looking for John Mc-Auliff's going on; he said the — fool, when he could get the whole thing hushed up for $70 or $75; he said the watch was pawned; don't remember the amount he said, but think it was $18; asked him how that money came up from $60 to $75; he said there was so much costs, and he had to get his share, and others were to get equal with him; I said, why, Pat, if I was in McAuliff's place, I would think nothing of paying $100 or $200 if it was requisited, to get my son out of trouble. I went the following day to McAuliff and told him what this man Pat Pender told me; he said to me if he was guilty they'd suffer the penalty of the law; I said, wouldn't it be better for you to settle this case compromised and if you have not the money I will loan it to you; afterwards met Pender on Webster street, and he said McAuliff was a — fool, the whole thing could be fixed for $100.

THE GERMANS' GOLD.

Bernard McGinly, sworn—Was formerly Captain of the Watch; remember of the arrest of the German emigrant, Oscher; officer Wilson, of the Union Depot force, brought the German to the lock-up and used as a German girl; the man was violent and it took all the officers that could get hold of him to put him in the cell; don't remember whether Capt. Reed was there or not; after he was locked up for a time, a sub-policeman named Thomas Cosella was called to the cell door, and the prisoner came back to me and handed me a money belt, stating that this German had handed it out through the bars to him; this sub was not uniformed; I remarked that it was honest in him as he might have handed it to some other; I took the belt and locked it up in the safe did not count the money at that time.

MR. PATTERSON TOOK THE MONEY.

When Mr. Patterson came to the office I told him the circumstance, and asked him what I should do with it; he told me to hold it; that he would be called for it; asked him if I should make an entry in the docket of the money; he said no, he would attend to that, for me to count it and see what amount was in the belt; when I had leisure opened the belt and found the money, gold, tied up in different little packages; the majority was in twenty franc pieces; there was between 1,500 and 1,600 francs; there was some German gold and American gold coin besides the francs; I put the amount down on a piece of paper, stating the denominations of the coin and the number of each kind of coin, and reckoned it up in dollars, and it amounted, to the best of my knowledge and belief now, to between $265 and $300 altogether; I put it back in the belt, gave the belt and the account both to Patterson; I know nothing more about what became of it afterwards.

In answer to questions by members of the committee, witness said: Clerk Patterson did not count the money that I know of; I think Lieut. Hazen was present when I counted the money; I think I asked Patterson, both before and after I counted it, whether I should enter the amount on the docket; I did not know that the law required it, but I may not have asked; don't recollect of ever speaking to the Mayor about it; am positive that I never have reckoned and that the full amount was in the belt when I handed it to Patterson; no one had access to the safe but myself and Patterson; my impression is that the man was feigning insanity.

Erasures in the Clothing Book.

Have frequently known of parties leaving money for their appearance in the morning; have made mental calculation of amounts of $5 in one night; have known as many as forty such cases in one night; the prisoners were then generally taken one dollar and costs, which would be $4 25; Patterson got the balance; he would get all the money that I would have, or that would be paid; I made that calculation because I had put up $5 for a man, and he wanted the seventy-five cents, but Patterson objected, although he afterwards gave it to me; but one dollar and costs were stated in the docket; don't know what Patterson did with the money, the parties not being there to get it.

STATEMENT OF THE MAYOR.

Mayor Blackmore made a statement, as below:

By Mr. Jeremy—In those cases referred to did you get the security for costs?

A—I would just state what Mr. Patterson said: That he would let the amount stand to the credit of the month, and if the parties called he would hand the charge to them; if not he would credit the amount to whoever it was to pay; if he was always ready to pay over on call.

By Mr. Chalmers—In case a man leaves fifty dollars, what is done with it?

Mayor—Is forfeited, the costs taxed and the balance charged as fine.

Mr. Chalmers—Why not take the same course as when the cases of simple drunkenness, where five dollars is put up?

Mayor—I have just followed the practice of all previous Mayors. The seventy-five cents is all we can get, and I pay it to whom it would be due could get it at any time.

To Mr. Jeremy—I have always sent any applicant to Mr. Patterson, and supposed he settled with them. Mr. Patterson handled all the moneys and kept the accounts.

At the request of Mr. Harris Clerk Hartzell produced the clothing account book of Mr. Patterson, and it was examined. In the index for the pages torn from the book erasures were distinctly noticeable.

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

IMPORTANT EJECTMENT CASE.

Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Involved.

The death of Thomas McKee, of Allegheny, which occurred a few months since, has been widely circulated throughout the country, from the fact that in his will he bequeathed his immense estate, valued at over one million dollars, to his adopted daughter, Miss Nettie Adelia McKee. Thomas McKee was a son of James McKee, who inherited vast tracts of land from his uncle, John McKee, one of the early pioneers, and an Indian trader in the employ of the Provincial Government. James McKee made his will in 1834, and died soon after. With the peculiar notions prevailing at the time in which he lived, James McKee left his property to his surviving sons, Thomas and Alexander—those deceased leaving no issue—with but a small amount to the three daughters. The will contains this clause: "I give and devise to my son. Thomas McKee, the lower tract of land owned by me on the Ohio river; . . . provided, that if any said son Thomas should die without an heir, then all be-queathments hereinbefore made by me to him, shall be equally and undivided between the children of his brothers."

Thomas McKee died in his eighty-fourth year, his only son, Alexander Addison McKee, having died in 1857. It is now claimed that Nettie Adelia is not the adopted daughter of Thomas McKee, to whom he has left his large estate, but cannot legally inherit the property, under the proviso in the will of James McKee, above quoted. Accordingly, an action in ejectment has been brought in the Court of Common Pleas, by James McGunnegle and Maria Louisa his wife, in her own right (daughter of Alexander McKee) and John A. McKee, son of Alexander McKee, against Nettie Adelia McKee, adopted daughter of Thomas McKee, and sundry tenants, to test the title to six hundred acres of land, extending from Mckee's Rocks along the Ohio river. This property is valued at about $750,000. The counsel employed for the plaintiffs are Messrs. Maxwell and Sloan, Sr. Lent, Thomas, Mellvaine, Thomas Snee, W. McClory, J. R. Hiddle.

Mess 11—M. Kane, Jr., James McKee, Thomas Harkey, Alexander Hyndman, Wm. Wilson.

Mess 12—J. Hughes, D. H. Wilson, R. S. Hughes, D. W. Wilson, R. K. Petrogski.

Mess 13—Wm. Wilson, W. P. Darby, W. Shaffer, J. Ludwig, Geo. R. McCrady, J. Measlin.

Mess 14—Thomas Hughes, J. Cook, G. Minchiddie, J. Caldwell, J. Reynolds, A. Harris.

Mess 15—Jno. Cowden, Wm. Speer, Sr., Lent, T. Jones, H. S. Wynne.

Mess 16—Jno. Wood, J. Amberson, F. Anderson, J. B. Fulton, Jacob Cupps.

Mess 17—J. M. Meredith, Wm. C. Meredith, A. Wilson, J. Wilson, J. C. Gilmore, J. Wilson, J. Hughes, D. W. Wilson, R. K. Petrogski.

Mess 18—Jno. Wilson, W. P. Darby, W. Shaffer, J. Ludwig, Geo. R. McCrady, J. Measlin.

Mess 19—Jno. Hunker, Wm. Murray, Chas. Rahm, J. McGregor, W. Patterson, J. Caldwell.

Mess 20—W. C. Reid, D. Hughey, D. J. Kearns, J. D. Davis, R. Alcorn.

Mess 21—H. Wallace, Thomas Maxwell, L. L. Whiting, A. Fife, Jno. Wallace, Jr.

Mess 22—W. J. Beatty, M. Meckling, J. W. McCandless, W. J. Stewart, R. Yeiter.

Mess 23—Jno. Wilson, J. Morre, R. Hollister, W. H. Call.

Mess 24—Morgan, B. P. Latshaw, R. Spencer, W. Caddoo, J. Estep.

Mess 25—Jno. Morgan, W. Wychoff, James Jones, M. Courtwright, G. W. Curtis.

Mess 26—D. Blair, C. C. Blair, Samuel Deal, J. L. Johnson, B. Hughes, Jno. Hughes.

Mess 27—F. J. Beal, A. Beal, J. O. Nilson, Thos. Gilbraith, R. Jones.

Mess 28—The names of this mess are missing.

Mess 29—J. Stephens, H. Martin, J. Shoels, E. Taylor, J. Ellcessor, J. A. Foster.

Mess 30—J. Martin, W. J. Bender, T. Daft, J. Lyon, Thos. Hall.

Mess 31—S. H. Sarler, Isaac N. White, James A. Irwin, E. L. Hall, Jno. Hall.

Mess 32—John Heise, John Flood, J. Gesin.

Mess 33—W. Minis, W. McIlheny, H. Wilson, J. Sythe.

Mess 34—T. W. Rodgers, J. Kerr, D. Estep, S. H. Squire, R. Marsh, J. Irwin.

Mess 35—J. S. Steel, F. C. McClure, R. Crosby, W. M. O'Keefe, Thomas Bragg.

Mess 36—J. Fulton, J. G. Gallagher, W. D. Graham, J. B. Hutchinson, Jno. Wilson, Jno. Smith, J. Latshaw, Jr., M. Holtzman.

Mess 37—J. R. Johnson, W. Johnson, J. Smith, J. Latshaw, Jr., M. Holtzman.

Mess 38—J. Hughes, Jno. Darragh, F. P. Robinson, W. Estep, J. Darragh.

Mess 39—Jno. Darragh, J. Wall, J. Means, J. K. Vankirk, J. Warren.

Mess 40—Thomas Perkins, Jr., Thomas Thornburgh, John Thornburgh, M. Fisher, H. Gottzman, B. Phifer.

Mess 41—R. B. Butler, A. S. Goodwin, R. G. Robinson, F. A. McMillen, S. Snyder.

Mess 42—J. Hamlin, J. Mitchell, G. W. Taylor, R. Wilson, S. Stowe.

Mess 43—F. C. Negley, A. Young, J. Kiser, J. Lemmon, J. Harraclough, H. Hand.

Mess 44—M. Goodfellow, C. Templeton, J. Goodfellow, J. Templeton. The above named mess.

Mess 45—H. Halderman, Geo. Horne, Guy Haines, P. Halderman, C. Peters.

Mess 46—Thomas McNair, R. McNair, D. McBride, J. Boreland, F. Phifer.

Mess 47—R. Gripp, J. Coppersmith, R. Staley, P. Stocker, P. Bergan.

Mess 48—J. Jack, R. Brown, I. Eckhoff, M. Hay, der, J. P. Irwin.

Mess 49—J. B. Hartley, R. Wilson, C. Truesdale, H. Shepard.

Mess 50—D. McGill, O. McConnell, J. F. Caughey, J. Hough, Wm. Agnew.

Mess 51—A. J. Jack, J. G. Woods, J. Day, J. B. Henderson, H. J. Brunot.

Mess 52—Alex'r Moore, John King, Ezekiel Robbins, David Ellis, William Gay, William Gross, George Stewart.

THE QUARTER CENTURY REUNION.

It is now nearly twenty-five years since this company of adventurers set out for the land of gold. Perhaps the greater of them have finished their earthly pilgrimage, while many of those who remain are scattered far and wide. It is supposed that about fifty of them still live in and around Pittsburgh. Some of them, shrivel over with age, are known and esteemed among us. In others, though not so far as possible, how many still survive, it is proposed to have a reunion on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their departure. With this object in view our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. James Connor, has issued the following circular:

PITTSBURGH, August 15, 1873.

DEAR SIR—It will be twenty-five years on the 15th of March, 1874, since the "Pittsburgh and California Enterprise Company" left Pittsburgh for California, by steamer Consignee to St. Joseph, Mo., thence overland route to California with mule teams. The few returning and now remaining in Pittsburgh propose to have a reunion on the twenty-fifth anniversary, and hope the members will attend, if possible. The object of this meeting would be to know how many of the members are living and where located; how many dead and where buried, and to send afterwards to have an annual meeting of the company until its last member dies. Enclosed find stamps addressed to myself. Please examine and send me a short history of any member you have any knowledge of, whether dead or alive, with name and postoffice of those living. Be kind enough to give this your immediate attention.

Yours, truly, JAMES CONNOR,
of Mess No. 7.

THE COUNTY TAX VALUATIONS.

Meeting of the Assessors—Efforts to Secure Uniformity in Making Assessments—An Unsatisfactory Session—An Adjourned Meeting to be Held.

The existing law defining the duties of assessors requires that they shall take an oath to return all property subject to taxation at its *bona fide* value, but for a long series of years the custom has prevailed of making these assessments at such percentage below the actual value as may appear right in the eyes of the assessor. This fact is so well known to every property owner that it is only necessary to state it. All personal property is also required to be assessed, but it is notorious that the taxes raised from this source amount to a mere trifle.

The County Commissioner and the Controller, in view of the fact that a triennial assessment is to be made next fall, arranged for calling a convention of the assessors of the county, to meet in the Common Pleas Court room, yesterday, to secure such action as would result in greater uniformity in making the assessments for the next three years.

The meeting was called to order at eleven o'clock by Commissioner Scott, who read the call for the meeting, after which Mr. Thompson, of the Fourth ward, was duly nominated W. B. Ross, Esq., of Allegheny, for President. Mr. Neely was also nominated for President, but Mr. Ross was elected by a vote of 16 to 9.

Mr. Ross, upon taking the chair, after returning thanks for the honor, stated that the meeting had been called together for the purpose of agreeing upon some plan for the approaching triennial assessments, by which the assessments could be made equitably.

The reporters of the press were, on motion, elected Secretaries.

On motion, a list of the Assessors was then read, and some thirty-nine answered to their names. There are one hundred and seven assessment districts in the county, and at the time the meeting was present, a motion was made to adjourn until Tuesday morning of next week.

Before the motion was put, Mr. George Keyser offered the following, with the understanding that the definite action would not be taken until the next meeting:

Resolved, That we, the Assessors and Assistant Assessors of Allegheny county, elected to make the triennial assessment for the year 1874, will faithfully try value, in accordance with our official oaths, to the best of our knowledge and ability, all descriptions of property made taxable by law in our respective districts, at the full cash value thereof.

After the resolution was read, Mr. Powell moved to adjourn until next Tuesday.

Mr. Neely, of Lect township, wanted to know what authority there was for making such a meeting or for passing such a resolution. He was merely asking the question for information.

The Chair stated that there was a manifest inequality in the assessments made in the respective districts of the county, and the meeting was called to take measures that will secure a uniform assessment.

Mr. Hiram Powell, of the Twenty-first ward, contended that there was no law for calling the Convention, and held that the passage of the resolution could have no binding force on any Assessor.

Mr. J. K. Brown, of Allegheny, asked the Chairman to read the oath of office administered to each Assessor. It provided that all property should be assessed at its full value.

The oath was read, upon the conclusion of which Mr. Keyser remarked, "That is the just the reason the resolution was offered. There is a difference of opinion among Assessors. Some think they have only to assess on a certain percentage of valuation."

Mr. Neely said the oath was all right, but if the assessments were increased, the people would have no protection against the millage tax how levied.

Controller Wetzel was called upon for an explanation of his views. He stated that he had hoped that there would be a full attendance of the Assessors, but out of three hundred and twenty-one in the county there were not more than one-tenth in attendance. He was anxious to give all the information in his power on this subject, but would prefer to wait until another meeting, when the proposition of the Convention, however, to discuss the resolution offered by Mr. Keyser, he was prepared to make a statement of facts, and to give his views on county taxation.

Mr. Powell wanted to adjourn. There was only a minority present, and a minority had no power to act. He insisted on the Chairman putting the motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was put and lost.

Commissioner Scott then said the meeting had been called with a view of obtaining the opinions of the Assessors, and to endeavor to induce them to comply with the clear provisions of the law. If they passed the resolution it would be all right, but he did not think it necessary to hold another meeting. If Assessors failed to make proper returns the Commissioners had power to increase the valuations as well as to reduce them.

Mr. Powell thought the Assessors, and not the Commissioners, were the proper persons to fix the valuations.

The assessor from Chartiers said the system now in use had been followed for twenty years, but a change was necessary. The Commissioners could prosecute assessors who violated their oath, but they did not wish to do so.

A resident of the Twenty-second ward here arose, denouncing the equalization system in the city as an outrage, and said he wanted to extend that iniquitous plan to the county.

Controller Wetzel said it was manifest that there was great inequality in the manner of making assessments in the districts, and it was to remedy the injustice that the law required the triennial assessments of this character are not a novelty. The present plan was in force when he came into office, and it was expected in time would be reached by all. Sure enough, the Allegheny Valley Railroad was soon completed, and then the Pan Handle was added. Perhaps the chief considerations were that the grove seemed formed by nature for this purpose. It is a kind of natural amphitheatre, the incline from the head to the rear, surrounded by a precipice, or dark, except the front entrance. It contains a number of springs, which never fail to supply an abundance of cool water, even in the hottest weather consideration. Two or three annual meetings were held for camp meeting purposes, and a large donation was then made to him, to buy the grounds. He generously consented at a reasonable price, supposed to be about $600. He did so. The third annual meeting and religious purposes, and if not so used, he had the right to repurchase. He has always liberally compensated about fifteen acres, but a subsequent purchase has given him seventeen acres.

THE IMPROVEMENTS.

Several years ago, the trustees commenced improving the property by erecting a fine two story preaching house, with seating capacity for 1,000. A nice two story frame for the use of the person who takes care of the ground, a spacious pulpit stand, with good seating for the people, stationary lamps, and other necessary arrangements. A road is made way over the congregation, protecting from the sun, rain or dew. Valuable out-buildings have also been erected, roads leading to and through the park are very neatly piped, have been laid to conduct water from the upper springs to the lower part of the ground, to supply the families living there, and for the accommodation of dozens. The trustees project other improvements next year, and it is intended to make this the most delightful place of resort. The grove in the inner circle, where public services are held, is well shaded.

Within a few years the canvas tents for temporary use during the annual meetings have gradually disappeared, and comfortable frame houses are substituted. Very few canvas tents are on the ground. Last year the congregation of Methodists erected are more of the modern built kind, costing three or four hundred dollars. The tents are generally owned by the families from one vat to another. The old there are ninety-four one and two story cottages. Seventeen cottages were erected this season, and there is a number of new lots have been sold and will be erected thereon perhaps next summer. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, and officers elected for the ensuing year. Some idea of the incidental expenses and improvements may be gathered from the fact, that nearly fifteen hundred dollars was paid for the year just closed. There is now plenty of water, entirely to the value of fifteen to twenty thousand dollars. It is free to all camp meetings.

The officers proved so efficient they were all unanimously re-elected, and are as follows, viz.: President, Rev. Wm. Hamilton; Vice President, Geo. Anderson; Secretary, W. Freeman; Treasurer, John G. Matthews.

Committee on Grounds and Improvement of the trustees, spent several weeks previous to the opening of the camp meeting, in "summering," as they do at some East ern camp grounds. Religious services were held Sunday, August 10th, Rev. R. Hamilton, Rev. F. W. Vertican and Rev. J. F. Core officiating. A children's meeting was held and addressed by Rev. J. H. Walter, J. H. Hillerman and Rev. J. F. Core.

THE CAMP MEETING.

The camp meeting proper opened, Wednesday, 13th, by Rev. Mr. Smith, Rev. Dr. W. A. Davidson. Rain falling Thursday morning, there was no public service. In the afternoon Rev. A. W. Butts preached, and in the evening Rev. J. F. Core officiating. Friday opened with a general class meeting. Morning sermon by Rev. N. G. Miller; afternoon, Rev. M. B. Pugh; night, Rev. J. H. Walter. Saturday, experience meeting. Morning service, Rev. E. D. Hontz; afternoon, Rev. A. W. Butts; night, Rev. J. H. Miller. Sabbath, 8½ A. M., Rev. M. J. Montgomery preached; 10½, Rev. Dr. Nast, of New York, editor of the Christian Advocate; same hour, outside of Allegheny, Rev. T. Hodgson preached; 2½ P. M., Rev. A. Davidson, Monday morning sermon, Rev. T. McCleary; afternoon sermon, Rev. J. F. Core. Children's meeting, the object of the meeting was to know how many of the members are living and where located; how many dead and where buried. Afterwards to have an annual meeting of the company until its last member dies. Enclosed find stamps addressed to myself. Please examine and send me a short history of any member you have any knowledge of, whether dead or alive, with name and postoffice of those living. Be kind enough to give this your immediate attention.

Yours, truly, JAMES CONNOR,
of Mess No. 7.

THE CALIFORNIANS OF 1849.

The Pittsburgh and California Enterprise Company—List of the Members—Interesting Record—A Quarter Century Reunion to be Held.

The gold fever which spread all over the United States, upon the discovery of the precious dust in California, afflicted a great many of the quiet citizens of Pittsburgh, and in addition to those who went out in small squads were some four hundred, who organized a company under the name of the "Pittsburgh and California Enterprise Company," and left here on the steamer "Consignee," in the spring of 1849. The company had a constitution and by-laws, adopted "for the more effectually securing mutual protection and assistance during our journey to and stay in California. The officers consisted of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Captain, and First and Second Lieutenants. It was, in fact, a civil and military organization combined. The whole company was divided into messes of five, each mess having a chief. Any member failing sick was to be taken care of, and provided for by the company. There was no common stock, each person commanding his own capital. All disputes or grievances between parties were to be settled by arbitration—each party choosing one, and these two a third—and at the request of these three referators the President might appoint two others to act with them, and their decision was to be final. All labor on the Sabbath was prohibited, unless in cases of necessity and great emergency. These were the main provisions of the constitution. The by-laws provided that any member refusing to obey orders when on duty, or when necessary to be called on duty, before or after, or who should use any disrespectful language while on duty, was liable to a reprimand, or fine not exceeding five dollars, at the discretion of the company. For gambling the penalty was twenty-five dollars for the first offense; for the second, fifty dollars, and for the third expulsion from the company. For gross violation of any of the articles of the constitution and by-laws, the offender was to be expelled from the company. The following is the list of members:

President, M. Kane, Jr.; Vice President, Charles T. Hazen; Secretary, Wm. A. Aiskrin; First Lieutenant, Wm. Rankin, Second Lieutenant, James M. Braden. The President was a cabinet maker, and did business near the old postoffice, on Third street.

It is not our purpose to detail the incidents connected with the journey, except that it is proper to say that the staunch steamer "Consignee" duly arrived at St. Joseph, on board, in addition to its living freight, some eighty and ninety wagons, the requisite amount of harness, and a full stock of provisions, excepting the meat. The wagons and harness were made here. The mules were purchased in Missouri, and were ordered about seven hundred head. On the 15th of March the men were "all aboard," and the departure of the boat was witnessed by at least ten thousand persons. This event was only equaled in interest and magnitude by the departure of the volunteers for the war in Mexico, in 1847. Nothing of special moment occurred on the trip, except that the "Consignee" unfortunately ran into another boat, as she was leaving Wheeling, sinking her, and causing the death of several passengers.

On arriving at St. Joseph, the company began to encounter the real hardships of the journey. Standing in an overland journey made themselves manifest from the start. Nearly all the party were young and unbroken, and the "breaking" of these peculiar animals is no small matter. Many became disheartened at the harness fooling, and some amusement and a good deal of hard work, and more serious drawback that the company encountered, was the fact that the whole party could not travel in one party. Their caravan was too big, and in order to get grass for their stock, on the plains, it became necessary for them to separate. The division went one hundred miles above St. Joseph, and struck the river at that point, the two sections intending to meet at Fort Laramie, six hundred miles west. This was a virtual disorganization, as the "pioneers" had not progressed far before they began to complain that they would have to abandon their wagons, and pack their provisions on mules. The wagons were strewed along the route, and the mules packed with hundreds of the mules gave out, and ponies had to be obtained from the Indians, large quantities of provisions and ammunition were left behind to lighten the load, and some few of the men, discouraged and disheartened, returned home. Those who "fought it out on that line," however, all got through safe and sound to the end.

This was the largest company ever organized for crossing the plains, and as the men were all residents of Pittsburgh and vicinity, and well known to the citizens, we append a list of them, kindly furnished by Mr. James Connor:

THE CALIFORNIA PIONEERS OF 1849.

Mess 1—Charles Coleman, James Kane, James M. Hendrie, Thomas Williams, Wm. Rankin, James.

Mess 2—James M. Aitken, W. R. Coy, William J. Chamberlin, William J. Aikrin, Charles T. Officer, A. M. Litman.

Mess 3—A. D. Patterson, C. G. Smith, J. W. Eggleston, W. Hughes, J. Groves, C. R. F. Clark.

Mess 4—G. S. Walker, R. Silcox, W. H. Taylor, J. S. Willock, J. McCandless.

Mess 5—Jno. Lucas, L. Cupps, James Witty, Dr. Orendorf, L. Knowland.

Mess 6—William Cooper, B. C. Quigly, J. Borrington, W. Bleakly, J. J. McKee.

Mess 7—L. G. Berger, James Connor, Thomas B. Dunn, J. S. Fallansbee, J. Nesmith.

Mess 8—A. W. Ing, B. Mesmith, J. N. Sinclair, E. Ing, J. McKeever.

Mess 9—William C. Beck, P. Ward, R. P. Glass, James McCarter, Alexander Beck.

Mess 10—A. McMurray, A. McCory, J. Lecky, James Meiville, Thomas Snee, W. McClory, J. R. Hiddle.

Mess 11—M. Kane, Jr., James McKee, Thomas Harkey, Alexander Hyndman, Wm. Wilson.

Mess 12—S. J. Frisbee, R. Phillips, R. McKee, J. Aiken, J. McClintock.

Mess 13—Samuel Jaynes, W. F. Marthens, Samuel Wand, J. McDonald, C. O'Flynn.

Mess 14—Thomas Reynolds, J. Cook, G. Minchiddie, J. Caldwell, J. Reynolds, A. Harris.

Mess 15—Jno. Cowden, Wm. Speer, Sr., Lent, T. Jones, H. S. Wynne.

Mess 16—Jno. Wood, J. Amberson, F. Anderson, J. B. Fulton, Jacob Cupps.

Mess 17—J. M. Meredith, Wm. C. Meredith, A. Wilson, J. Wilson, J. C. Gilmore, J. Wilson, J. Hughes, D. W. Wilson, R. K. Petrogski.

Mess 18—Jno. Wilson, W. P. Darby, W. Shaffer, J. Ludwig, Geo. R